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THE PANHELLENIC CREED

WE, THE fraternity undergraduate members, stand for good scholarship, for the guardians of good health, for wholehearted cooperation with our college's ideals for student life, for the maintenance of fine social standards, and for the serving, to the best of our ability, of our college community. Good college citizenship as a preparation for good citizenship in the larger world of *alumnæ* days, is the ideal that shall guide our chapter activities.

We, the fraternity *alumnæ* members, stand for an active, sympathetic interest in the life of our undergraduate sisters, for the loyal support of the ideals of our Alma Mater, for the encouragement of high scholarship, for the maintenance of healthful physical condition in chapter house and dormitory, and for using our influence to further the best standards for the education of the young women of America. Loyal service to chapter, college, and community is the ideal that shall guide our fraternity activities.

We, the fraternity officers, stand for loyal and earnest work for the realization of these fraternity standards. Cooperation for the maintenance of fraternity life in harmony with its best possibilities is the ideal that shall guide our fraternity activities.

We, the fraternity women of America, stand for preparation for service through the character building inspired in the close contact and deep friendship of fraternity life. To us fraternity life is not the enjoyment of special privileges but an opportunity to prepare for wide and wise human service.



CONVENTION SNAPSHOTS

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SERVICE TO GIVE NOW

On the eve of the greatest demonstration in the history of our American Red Cross, the parade in honor of the out-sailing field hospital nurses whose uniforms we had a share in furnishing, I feel more than justified in appealing to every loyal Kappa Alpha Theta to get behind the Red Cross work and to determine *now* to ally herself with some active Red Cross chapter. Your dollar dues will assist in the work, but your work-room work on bandages and wipes will have telling effect in the alleviation of suffering among our soldiers. Every hour you spend in the work-room will save just that much time of a nurse at the battle front—time which is invaluable in these days of modern warfare. We cannot all be nurses but we can all help in the preparation of the articles they have such a great need for. We should count ourselves recruiting officers for volunteers for work-room work. One prominent military genius has said that the women *may* win the war in the work-rooms.

Kappa Alpha Theta stands for opportunity and service, and service should be our supreme thought just now. Before our convention a suggestion was made, and readily accepted by the council, to contribute money for the purchase of gauze to be folded at The Inn. This being cut by machinery and forwarded to us on the second day of convention, we established a Red Cross work-room.

What a picture it was to see the lobby of The Inn with its immense fire-place with flaming logs, circled on either side with window seats filled with girls from the East, West, North, and South, gladly directing, or eagerly learning to make surgical dressings. Alumnae in session, groups on the veranda and in their rooms—all busily at it. How small that sounds—but how splendid the results! Results not only in the number of dressings completed at convention, but in the awakened interest which was to grow to greater strength later. Groups of girls attending house parties since convention have sent in more than the total dressings made during convention, and inquiries still continue to come to me from college chapters.

My local committee is most grateful to the loyal Thetas in convention for their 2,895 surgical dressings that were packed with our other supplies and shipped to France, the week following their completion at Charlevoix. The hospital at Valery-en-Caux, to which our dressings were shipped, has been moved nearer the front, and a

friend recently home on furlough from her nursing duties at Valery urged me to tell you all of the great appreciation of the dressings and to say that shortly before they came she had used her shirtwaist and petticoat to stop the flow of blood as no gauze was available. Conditions are getting steadily worse instead of better, and now that our American boys, our brothers, our husbands, are among the needy on all fronts, can any of us sit idly by?

Let me urge that some Theta in every college and university in the country start a college auxiliary in connection with the local branch of the Red Cross—to produce either hospital dressings or knitted sets.

Of course we are all knitting but on what? Convention answered that question. Now let us work only on khaki and gray. If every Theta would knit one muffler, one sweater, one helmet, one pair of wristlets, and one pair of socks, how much nearer we would be to the goal of 1,500,000 knitted sets before cold weather! Local Red Cross chapters will gladly furnish wool and directions to all applicants. They do their part—will *you* do yours? If you have no local Red Cross chapter form one. If that seems impossible under existing conditions apply to the nearest city chapter for wool to be knitted. If you are not successful in either of these you are at liberty to write to me and I shall be glad to do all that I can to assist you.

Canada has long been awakened—women are filling the places left vacant by the men. This has not been our sad duty as yet, but before that day comes, as it is certain to, use all your spare moments and spare a few more, to do the small things that will add to the joys and comforts of our soldiers and sailors. At one of your chapter meetings make comfort bags of any firm, bright material 10x12, and instead of a soda buy a toothbrush; instead of candy buy a cake of ivory soap and washcloth, thimble, thread, needle, safety pins, post cards, a game, pencil, writing pad, pipe, toothpaste, shaving soap, footease, an envelope addressed to yourself (this because men having no relative to correspond with are extremely homesick in the trenches, and in many cases are actually writing to themselves so as to experience the joys of receiving a letter), in fact any useful article, and drop into the bag for the comfort of some lad.

Decide as a chapter to make five, ten—or more—knitted sets by a definite date. These can be made on cars, on the campus, in church, in chapel, in fraternity meeting in fact. "Knit all the time and everywhere" should be the rule if we are to keep our boys warm in the raw penetrating climate to which they either have gone or are going.

There is work for every one of us. Choose yours and do it with vigor and enthusiasm.

Gipsy Robinson Kimball, Pi,
President of New York alumnae chapter

THETA'S HOSPITAL UNIT

Our War Work is progressing rapidly. During the summer, it was difficult to accomplish much, for most of us were "vacationing." Now that the autumn is here, you are all wondering what has been done.

The plan was to carry on our War Work through the State chairmen. Letters have been sent to them explaining the work and asking their cooperation. This is the first big piece of work that the State chairmen have been called upon to do and without an exception, the responses have been most enthusiastic.

A number of the states have no chairmen as yet, but the appointments will soon be completed, and they will be informed of the work as soon as possible. The following letter is being sent to each Kappa Alpha Theta who is not now active in a chapter:

Dear Theta Sisters:

At the recent convention of Kappa Alpha Theta the keynote was service, and the question of how we could best serve our country was discussed.

Our country has been plunged into war, and our women are being called upon to do their bit. Kappa Alpha Theta stands ready to do her best, and to show the world that college fraternities are not wholly selfish organizations.

Mrs. O'Connor, who has been associated with the Red Cross in Washington, was asked to come to the convention prepared to present a definite plan for service. She gave the subject much careful consideration, consulted heads of the Red Cross and then made the following recommendation:

"That Kappa Alpha Theta equip the nurses of one base hospital."

Many have felt that they would like to enter the rank of nurses, but for various reasons cannot do so. Some could go to the front, who have little or no money with which to buy their outfits. Our brothers are sailing away to fight; many of them will be wounded and must have care. Can we do a better service than to send trained nurses to administer to their needs?

The actual necessities contained in a nurse outfit cost about \$58. That includes a white dress, a blue woolen dress, coat with red cross on right arm, and military insignia on left, a cape lined with red and a soft felt hat. A nurse must have a street as well as hospital uniform, that she may command protection wherever she goes. The amount necessary to equip the nurses of one hospital is about \$3,800. As soon as the money is raised a hospital will be assigned to Kappa Alpha Theta by the American Red Cross.

Here is an opportunity for Kappa Alpha Theta to do a patriotic service and establish a valuable tradition for the fraternity. "Help

given at the time of need is the essence of charitable work," and when the motion was made that we assume the responsibility of equipping the nurses of one base hospital, there was not a dissenting voice. The halls rang with *The Star Spangled Banner* and our hearts fairly jumped, and beat hard with pride for Theta. We have been given an opportunity to help humanity and we are not found wanting.

Everyone who wears a Theta pin has the privilege of helping in this good work. Each chapter, active and alumnae has been given a quota based on the number of members, counting \$1.75 per capita. Thetas not affiliated with any chapter are each asked to contribute \$1.75. Many are already wondering what Theta will do for war relief. Immense interest has already been displayed and we are expecting a hearty response. Let the money be raised only among those who wear the kite, that we may truly say, "This is Theta's gift."

Send the money direct to the national chairman of Kappa Alpha Theta war work, Miss Lola E. Lowther, 703 Walnut avenue, Syracuse, New York.

A number of questions have been asked by the State chairmen regarding the work, and I will answer them here, so that all will understand.

Question: "What responsibility have I in raising the different chapter's quotas?"

Answer: The official delegate to convention is to present the plan to her chapter and to assume the responsibility of raising the quota.

Question: "May I have the money sent to me, and then forward it to you? In that way I will know who has contributed and who has not."

Answer: Certainly, if you prefer. The plan of having the funds sent direct to the National chairman was to save work for the State chairmen. The other plan is just as good, and the Chairman may do as she thinks best.

Question: "At what time do you wish the collections completed, or would you prefer reports from time to time as the money comes in?"

Answer: There is no specific time, but we wish to hurry the work along. Our hospital will be assigned to us as soon as \$3,800 is raised.

Question: "Will amounts less than \$1.75 be accepted?"

Answer: Most certainly smaller amounts are accepted. Also it is very gratifying to receive more than \$1.75 from those who can give larger amounts.

The following contributions have been made:

Mrs. O'Connor—outfits one nurse	\$58.00
Pi chapter alumnae—outfits one nurse	58.00
Mrs. Giles Stilwell	3.50

Let everyone do her best whether it be great or small. I am just bubbling over with happiness and pride for my Kappa Alpha Theta.

Lola E. Lowther

(If you haven't heard from your State chairman when you read this send in your contributions direct. Changing addresses make it hard to reach everyone promptly.)

CONVENTION DIARY

JUNE 21, THURSDAY

Grand vice-president arrives in Charlevoix and for twenty-four hours occupies the entire Inn alone.

JUNE 22, FRIDAY

Rest of Grand council reaches the Inn and work begins in earnest, encouraged by the rain which makes out-of-doors impossible.

JUNE 23, SATURDAY

The Inn acquires curtains, a chef, and other luxuries, and the Council much mail and many new ideas.

JUNE 24, MONDAY

The flower boxes blossom over night and the paint dries. A spick and span Inn awaits its fraternity guests.

At noon special trains leave Chicago and Detroit.

8 p. m. specials merge at Grand Rapids and hungry Thetas "reun" at a 9 p. m. dinner party at the New Pantlind.

JUNE 26, TUESDAY

Sun shines for first time in a week.

5 a. m. Special train arrives at Charlevoix and for three hours groups of Thetas continue to emerge from Pullmans and demand breakfast.

10-12 a. m. Credentials committee tempers enthusiasm with its mysterious Dutch room conference, for the *Kite String* had told every one—

"CREDENTIALS" 'LL-GETCHU-EF-YOU-DON'T-WATCH-OUT

Freshmen, O, Freshmen, now think up your dates,

Think up the meaning of shield and of kite,

Of pansy and stars, wee, winking, and bright.

The ermine, the black, the chain and the gold,

Policies, statutes, and by-laws untold.

So, Freshmen, O, Freshmen, leave no room for doubt,

For "Credentials" 'll getchu-ef-you-don't-watch-out.

Martha Harris, '21, A T

3:15 p. m. Thetas assemble in Convention hall. (The dance hall beautifully decorated in pine and national flags.)

3:20 p. m. Official convention—officers and delegates—march to Convention hall.

3:30 p. m. The Grand president declares convention open; the National chain is formed; that awesome Credentials committee reports 12 officers, 40 college delegates, 30 alumnae delegates, and 150 visiting Thetas accredited and that "there are others still unacquainted with the committee's headquarters—open after this session."

The EVENT (yes with capitals) of the day was the address of our truly Grand president, Hope Davis Mecklin, from which we quote. (Thanks *Kite Tail*, though she didn't say—"We can bake Kappa Alpha Theta." Oh, yes, we appreciate the fact that the printer is to blame, but that doesn't make it any the less a joke.)

"* * * Each one wants to do something out of the ordinary, to make some personal sacrifice, to give of her time and strength to help 'make the world for democracy,' and there is a resulting danger that the ordinary duties of life will be neglected. Such mental distraction tends to cause inefficiency and waste. After the war was declared last April our college and university life felt this distraction seriously. The men began at once to enlist in the army or navy or for the necessary agricultural work; the women studied first aid nursing, sewed for the Red Cross or rolled bandages, and all the scholarly ideals of college life became subordinate to these loud calls for active service. During the last weeks efforts were made by many of the college and university authorities to restore normal conditions, but naturally their efforts were not very successful. The spirit for study and scientific work had been swept away in the maelstrom of war. Appreciating the spirit of patriotism that prompted all this action but realizing the danger to the country's future if these conditions continued on into another school year, the Department of the Interior recently issued a bulletin containing *Suggestions for the conduct of educational institutions during the continuance of the war, to the end that their educational efficiency may not be lowered, and that they may render the largest amount of service both for the present and for the future.* In the preliminary remarks Mr. P. P. Claxton makes this statement: 'When the war is over, whether within a few months or after many years, there will be such demands upon this country for men and women of scientific knowledge, technical skill, and general culture as have never before come to any country. The world must be rebuilt.' And, as he goes on to elaborate at length, that work must be done by our American youth who are now in the colleges and universities of the country being fitted for this tremendous task. He states that since the total number of students in the colleges and universities and technical schools together is little more than one-half of one per cent of the total number of persons in this country of producing age, their greatest present contribution is the use of such 'self-restraint as will keep them to their task of preparation until the time comes when they can render service that cannot be rendered by others.'

"What Mr. Claxton suggests for educational institutions applies directly to our fraternity which is a part of those institutions. Since much is to be demanded of the college woman in the future, we, who aim to stand for the best in womanhood, must be ready to meet that demand. We are living in a very serious time. The fun of our college and alumnae fraternity life will be kept in simple form, but it must be subordinated to the work. For our undergraduate Thetas the duty is plain; theirs it is to return to their college work in the fall

with a new earnestness and so to plan their courses that they will be best fitted for active service to humanity. To us alumnae Thetas comes the problem of how to make the best possible use of the work we did in college and of the experience we have acquired since then. In the past our American youth have been accused, often justly I fear, of a lack of seriousness in their college life; it is for the fraternities now to lead the way in showing that henceforth at least such criticism is unjust and in proving that our purposes are actually as high and noble as our Greek mottoes claim.

"The query as to whether or not we should hold convention this June went out for the votes of chapters and individual Thetas. The affirmative won. I am glad that it did, for I feel that perhaps never did our fraternity need its biennial gathering more than it does in this storm-tossed year. We need to come together to recover our poise, to get back our old perspective of the relation of the fraternity chapter to its parent college or university, and to study means by which Kappa Alpha Theta can be made of greater value to the cause of higher education. * * * We must *practice* our ideals now as never before for they are needed more than ever in this time of world disaster.

"What then shall be the purpose of a convention assembling under these conditions? We all feel the heavy responsibility laid upon us by those whose cause we represent. How shall we meet it? At any time of crisis the really valuable person is the one who keeps a clear head and cares for necessary details; in like manner we must this year carry on the regular work of a convention. It is just as important now as ever to consider seriously the business that has accumulated in the last two years, to give careful thought to the improvements of conditions in the chapters, and to study the intensive betterment of every detail of our fraternity life. The stronger that we can make Kappa Alpha Theta in her influence upon her members and in her organization, the greater will be Kappa Alpha Theta's efficiency in serving the colleges and universities and the wider her influence for good. * * *

"In his suggestions to the educational institutions of which I have already spoken, Mr. Claxton also emphasizes the great need for more scholarships and money loans to needy students. Kappa Alpha Theta has already fortunately a considerable sum ready for this very purpose, but we must bend redoubled efforts from now on to an increasing of our Scholarship Fund. In these times of financial stress and change, more girls are likely to need aid from this fund, and the more girls Kappa Alpha Theta can help equip for service the greater will be her contribution to the work of reconstruction that will come with peace. The tendency in these days is to give all that we can to relieve the terrible suffering caused by this frightful war, but even that crying need must not make us unmindful of our duty to safeguard the future of civilization. * * *

"Opportunity is the slogan of this convention and two great opportunities are before us. One is in finding ways to prepare Kappa Alpha Theta for the future demands that will be made upon her; the other is to decide upon and then arrange for meeting to the very best of our ability the great opportunity now before the fraternity for some active national service."

In succession each District's official delegation took the stage and introduced itself by stunts, songs, or serious talks (or were they speeches?). While this was an interesting half hour it started, what every session increased, our conviction that every college woman should be forced to take at least one year's work in public speaking. Girls, don't wait until this becomes a fraternity by-law. DO IT NOW.

8 p. m. In the hospitable lobby of the Inn, before the great fireplace aglow with burning drift wood, Miss Knox, assisted by Mrs.

Stephens the enthusiastic songbook editor, led a splendid song fest, where community singing vied with chapter songs and district efforts to win the coveted prizes. When down two winding stairways came the tramping, singing, ubiquitous District V horde, with their St. Louis Mits, there was no longer doubt where the district prize would go, and general was the conviction that we'd never have the courage to refuse to hold the next convention in "Old St. Lou."

"On the Mis-sis-sippi
There is a bunch of Thetas
Who'll expect you bye and bye
To come out to convention,
And to come you must surely try
On the Mis-sis-sippi."

"Meet me in St. Lou Thetas
Convention will be there.
Don't tell us that the heat is raging
Anywhere but there.
Don't bring your warming pans
We all use electric fans.
So meet me in St. Lou Thetas
All you K A Θ's be there."

"Don't you see the outstretched paws?
If you come to old St. Lou
Why we sure will welcome you
For we want the next convention there because—
It's a grand old town
You can just put that down
In your note books where ever you roam,
And the Thetas there
So wise and fair
Will sure make you feel right at home.
So that's the cause
Of these outstretched paws
A welcome to bid to you
So when next convention is discussed
Keep your eye on old St. Lou!"
"We're from Kansas and Nebraska,
And Missouri, if they ask ya,
From District five we've flit,
Just to get a chance to mention
That we want the next convention,
And here's our welcome Mit!
So come along, so come along,
For as sure as you're alive

We will die of desperation
If you spurn our invitation
To come along to District five."

The prize for the best chapter song was won by Alpha Tau, with a truly beautiful song written by one of the chapter's freshmen. It will soon be sung by every chapter, we think. Don't you? after reading it here.

"Theta thy name fills our true hearts with gladness,
We who have loved thee in joy and in sadness,
Come gather round singing songs of our chapter
Let the rafters ring with our gay laughter,
Kappa Alpha Theta, here we pledge to thee
Our souls to bind, in lasting fealty.
May we love each other, may thy praises ring
May our fraternity true happiness bring."

JUNE 27, WEDNESDAY

At 9 o'clock the Grand President tried to call convention to order, but the quiet of the Inn, and the absence of any of the usual morning noises, had left most every one still abed. But at last the session was in session and notice given that rising bells would ring on future mornings.

The officers first reported, displaying the work and forms of their offices. The Grand vice-president told of our popularity with would-be Theta chapters, 31 groups in 28 colleges had been writing her about the possibility of winning a charter. Was she not ultra-conservative then when she recommended but two groups for charters now?

In presenting the results of Grand council's study of opportunities for service to our nation through fraternity activities, the Grand secretary submitted a possible program, which meeting with general approval is now being developed by active work in every college chapter center. The plan is this:

"Service to the nation is demanded of us individually and collectively today. Service we are all eager to give. To make our service most serviceable it must be preceded by true thinking and clear vision. Just to be busy in this or that organization may not be doing our 'bit' at all but doing a part of some one's else 'bit.'

"College women are a trained group, and fraternity women among the most thoroughly trained of this group. Educated women today have a rare opportunity to prove (or disprove) the value of higher education. How shall we as individuals and as an organization justify our claim to educated leadership?

"Our training must count—the alumnae must undertake work they are already equipped to do; college members must complete their training for some specific work. There is the appeal of adventure in being a nurse at a field hospital, or in driving an ambulance up to the firing line, but college women should forego such emotional aids to service which others are better equipped to give and take up work they already are trained to do and which perhaps few other women could undertake. * * *

"In the last few months much energy has been dissipated, and much effort duplicated for lack of unselfish leadership guided by clear vision. As individuals, as groups, as chapters, as a fraternity, Theta now has an unequalled opportunity to test her claim to train for leadership. Let us prove our training's value.

"Therefore with service, indifferent to rewards of publicity and heroism, as our aims, this program is offered to direct our leadership—at least until the government's slow progress conscripts each of us for a special service. * * *

"College students are deemed a fortunate, favored class and so little is done for them through their needs, if they are to become trained leaders, are as great as those of other adolescents. As a college organization Theta can well begin her service with her college chapters.

"A. Every undergraduate *must* return to college next fall.

"All young women who would serve their country and the world most effectively in this time of their greatest need should take advantage of every possible opportunity to gain preparation for it. No one should leave college for any service which can be given as well by another whose preparation for greater service will not be prevented thereby. The supply of educated and trained women must not be cut off in the earlier years of war.' * * *

"B. A concrete program for our chapters—

"1. Wholesome living and a studious atmosphere must be found in our chapter houses. This includes problems of sanitation, diet, sleeping quarters, and a multiplicity of details. For each chapter house we must have a commission of alumnae and undergraduates responsible for the physical welfare of the house. Where there are no chapter houses, such a Theta commission can lead a movement for similar reforms in dormitory conditions.

"2. Every undergraduate Theta must be instructed in the laws of health—where necessary nurse or physician employed so that each girl may finish the college year stronger in body as well as in mind.

"3. Vocational opportunities and the courses of study that will train for such must be presented to our girls, and each helped to make a wise choice. Every college student's course next year must have a definite goal and only by the cooperation of all our trained alumnae can we hope to give our members the service by which they can choose wisely.

"4. Chapter life must be simplified and finances so handled as to give justifiable return for every dollar. The maintenance of pet dogs, standing orders at the florists and the confectioners are among the list of unjustifiable chapter house expenses now. Simple spreads should take the place of elaborate banquets. Standard badges should be universal and the difference in their price and that of the jewelled badge one could afford, given to some real service.

"5. Social life must be maintained, for wholesome recreation is essential to health and sanity. But its quality can be maintained, or improved, with a large retrenchment in elaborateness and expensiveness. * * *

"6. 'Highest scholarship' must be an ideal most zealously pursued.

"7. The chapter must stand for simple, appropriate dress not only on the campus but also at college functions. It should stand equally firmly against the adoption of a uniform or any other extreme which means a disturbance of normal business trades and a destruction of individuality.

"8. College activities must stand the test of a searching query as to their value, and membership retained only in those which are real training schools for leadership.

"9. Rushing must become the simple friendly get-acquainted thing it was meant to be. * * *

"10. Courses should be elected that study world affairs. Good current literature should be in the chapter house and discussions of citizenship a part

of chapter meetings. Where colleges are unable or unwilling to provide the impetus for such instruction, our alumnae might provide such opportunities not only for our own members but for the students in general, too.

"II. Every college chapter house must be kept open next year. We have no right to increase the housing problem of any university at this time when all of them are hard pressed. If we have not enough members back to keep up the house, then open the extra rooms to alumnae boarding in town, or turn them over to the university for dormitory purposes. The hearth-stone must be guarded sedulously at this time for the sake of civilization, and this cause can be served by chapter hearth-stones as well as by individual ones.

"C. Without the college.

"1. Authorities all agree that 'inevitably there will be need for the next few years of soup kitchens, free school lunches, and other forms of community feeding.' The Bureau of child hygiene of New York and the United States Bureau of education also have made a plea for school lunch systems in the schools of all cities. Leadership in such movements might well be undertaken by alumnae chapters, or other groups of Thetas. Let us show that we have organizing ability and are ready to give our services in such work.

"2. Labor laws in our country under best conditions give inadequate protection to women and children in industry. Under war pressure laws are liable to be weakened, even though England's stupendous investigation has shown the dangers of such relaxation. We can do much to maintain such laws. And moreover, we must heed the warning of the Commissioner of labor and not rush into industries where we are not needed, thus upsetting the regular labor market—nor must we accept or countenance the acceptance of wages below the standard, or forget that "equal pay for equal work" is essential if there is not to be a dangerous lowering of the standard of living—already seriously meager for our industrial classes.

"3. Already in the industrial centers the number of employees has been greatly increased and living conditions are bad. The housing problem is beyond the employers to solve at present. Only leadership is needed for the women of our cities to solve these problems by an adaption of the cantonment system developed by the women of England. Is there a housing problem in your city? What are you doing toward its solution, alumnae chapter?

"4. The Chrisitan associations report that already the moral conditions are bad in the towns near the new training camps, and we have but to recall the tragically misplaced energy of beautiful young girls in recruiting centers to know how our leadership is needed to give a clear vision to women and to provide wholesome recreation in the communities where civic situations must be adjusted to meet adequately the problems of neighboring training camps. 'Many women and girls have a sentimental notion about soldiers. Many of them have a wrong interpretation of patriotism, a false idea of sacrifice, or a thirst for adventure' which is dangerous for them, for the soldiers, and for the nation. To maintain our dignity, to lead the less fortunate young women of our towns toward true womanliness is a fine service terribly in need of workers."

Then came the most vital speech of convention by Mrs. Julia Hainer O'Connor, Rho, the wife of the Civilian relief chief in the American Red Cross, who herself has been a regular volunteer worker at the Washington headquarters for months and who brought us a plan of service based on the needs of Red Cross. Her talk follows:

NATIONAL SERVICE FOR THE FRATERNITY

"When it was decided to make National service the keynote of this convention, I was asked to formulate a plan by which Thetas could render some definite service. I have two things to suggest to you. I said a moment ago

that I was not an exhorter, but I do have a text, which was given me by a clergyman who has just gone to France with the Red Cross commission. 'As his part is that goeth down to battle, so shall his part be that tarrieth by the stuff; they shall part alike.'

"In this war the women may be divided into the few and the many. And the few are only the trained nurses. The Red Cross plans to send only such across, on advice from the French commission and Mr. Hoover, who says that this is a war where every mouth counts—there are untrained French women who have to be fed anyway and who can render the service which any of our untrained women could give. These trained nurses who are being sent are giving up fine positions, taking small salaries, serving as subordinate nurses, doing arduous, often menial labor, and doing it all so gladly. They don't want to come home when their time is up or even when their health is impaired by the work. In so many letters I've seen, they write 'It's the most worth while thing I ever did.'

"We have every cause to be proud of our American nurses. Those who sailed with our base hospitals since the war began we have not heard from, but the Red Cross has had nurses over there since 1914—not as many as it should because funds have been lacking. One American nurse has just been recommended in general orders by General Haig. When the hospital at Pau was organized it had to use the Casino. Several people drew plans for transforming it. Those of an American nurse were adopted practically without change.

"The Red Cross is sending women of ability as well as of devotion and courage. And it plans to send them at the rate of 200 a month. The people who are looking ahead see that if the war continues for years, we are going to need more trained nurses than the hospitals are ordinarily graduating, not only to take the places of those who will be worn out and returning from Europe, but in order that we may not lack here at home and that our hospitals may not become disorganized. The National emergency committee on nursing has been formed and will continue through the war. It is composed of such women as Jane Delano, Julia Lathrop, and the presidents of the three nursing associations in the United States. They have made arrangements with several hospitals to train college graduates, who have had certain scientific work, in two years instead of three, and they strongly urge that girls who have the strength and the desire enter next fall on such courses. In two years they will be graduated, able to take their places in this country or abroad. Even if the war should happily be over by then, there will be opportunities for service for the college woman who is also a trained nurse, such as the world has never seen. She will be better fitted than any other class of women to aid in the reconstruction work in France and Belgium, to cope with the problems of those who have suffered from the ravages of T.B. and malnutrition. The war is, with us, only beginning, but already we are looking forward to the great work of building up and the nurse's share will be a large one. For ten years after the war opportunities will be unexcelled. This war is doing for nurse's work to put it on a professional basis, what Florence Nightingale did to remove it from squalor.

"But now to turn to the many. 'And they shall part alike.' Those of us who, because of lack of strength or special fitness or because of responsibilities here, cannot go into nurse's training—what of us? How shall we 'stay by the stuff'? Can we do better than to help send some one who is trained? When I first went to Colonel Kean to ask him what a group of women could do to help, he said, 'If you want to do something, the Red Cross really needs, I can tell you something right away.' The Red Cross is sending over base hospital units, and in each unit are 65 nurses. These nurses leave positions paying good salaries—they receive only \$60.00 per month. They furnish their

own hospital uniform—but going to a foreign country they must have also a regulation outdoor uniform which will afford them recognition and protection whenever they leave the hospital. This uniform consists of a special dress, coat, cape, hat, brassards. They also need caps and steamer rugs. The outfit for one nurse costs \$57.40, and since the nurse has made large pecuniary sacrifices to go, the Red Cross becomes responsible for furnishing this outfit. Colonel Kean suggests that we provide the Red Cross with money to outfit the nurses of one base hospital, about \$3,900.

"This would be a most worth while service. We would be so glad to know that we had part and interest in a hospital where splendid work was being done. The nurses give so much of their strength, their means, never counting the cost. The letters they send back touch lightly on the discomforts and privations they themselves know and their only cry is 'Oh for more money to help here.' 'Isn't there some way to get more slippers for our patients,' or 'there is a poor woman whose arm was shot away. If I could only get money for an artificial one.'

"We have records not only of the devotion and self-forgetfulness but of the results obtained. One hospital has a record of only losing three-tenths of one per cent of its cases, and from many comes the word that many limbs which had been marked for amputation had been saved by the patient care of the nurses—by the frequent dressings which the nurse was willing to give, though it meant losing most of the sorely needed and all too short rest time.

"Our boys will soon be over there in the trenches—and also in the hospitals. Isn't it worth while for us to make it easier for these nurses to go? And if for every thousand dollars we give to outfit these nurses who are ready to go now, one Theta goes into training to be ready for the work later on, we will indeed have made the keynote of this convention National service."

Never for one moment was there any doubt but what convention would adopt the plan proposed by Mrs. O'Connor, the only question was as to the best method of raising and managing the fund. The plan finally decided upon was that each delegate, college and alumnae, should be responsible for the raising within her chapter of a certain definite per capita amount, and that State chairmen should be the medium through which unaffiliated Thetas should be reached. Miss Lola Lowther, delegate of Syracuse alumnae, was appointed National chairman for this work, and I am told not to enlarge on the plan as Miss Lowther will do that in other pages of this issue. When our hospital unit is equipped and in the field, then will come the opportunity to supplement our gift with funds for the extra slippers, the artificial limb for the non-combatant, the development of the personal work of our doctors and nurses, for which emergency funds are needed, so that our hospital unit will be able to use our gifts for the entire length of the war in work that can not be undertaken by organized Red Cross because it has so many imperative needs to supply.

3 p. m. Convention went abroad the "Columbia" for a delightful three hours ride on Lake Michigan, interrupted by shopping tours in Petoskey.

8 p. m. Convention hall resounded to music, as a song fest went forward accompanied by the hotel orchestra, which later played for a most informal dance get-together.

THURSDAY, JUNE 28.

Convention assembled promptly and after announcements and opening service adjourned to numerous round tables. There were strictly business ones, where chapter officers learned how the national officers thought their work should be done; there were the experience exchange type where delegates told each other "how our chapter does that" and asked countless questions; and then there was the alumnae round table that found itself so entertaining that it continued to hold adjourned sessions whenever there was an open hour on the official time table; a group (large one) on porch, in Dutch room, or in gallery meant "Alumnae in session," and many a curious undergraduate wondered what she might hear if she could assume sufficient dignity to pass for "one of us alumns."

8 p. m. Columbus alumnae and Alpha Gamma conducted a model initiation Ritual with real initiates, Cornelia Clark, Eta pledge, and Marie M. Rickert, Alpha Mu pledge.

FRIDAY, JUNE 29.

The District presidents took the stage early in this session and conducted a Model chapter meeting, which tried to show the right way of doing everything they had seen done wrongly during chapter visits. It was a Model meeting all right and many a delegate resolved that her chapter should put on model meetings too, at least when the chapter had official visitors.

This morning convention had to face that dreaded session when we amend the Constitution and do similar technical things, but thanks to the parliamentary skill of Mrs. Mecklin and the thorough lobby discussions of the last few days, the session passed off smoothly and was kept interesting. A few of the important measures that became law were—the establishment of regular pledge meetings; the delaying of initiations until a term's college credit won; the adoption of a Life subscription plan for fraternity publications by which every future initiate will become a life subscriber through the payment of her national initiation fees, and every present Theta may get such life subscription at a bargain price, if she is prompt (see details elsewhere); and, after many conflicting motions had been made and discussed, the adoption of a clearer and more rational and just policy to control extension questions.

2 p. m. Off for an automobile ride around Pine Lake as guests of the Charlevoix chamber of commerce, with tea at the Wolverine hotel in Boyne city as guests of the City's Women's club. A delightful afternoon, with its climax in the Beach fire supper served by the hotel on the lawn that stretched to the very waters on Pine Lake.

8 p. m. The Stunt party. We aren't dramatic critics, so we can't tell you about this. The features will no doubt be rushing stunts all over the country this fall, so you may see the second, or fortieth,

production of THE FEATURE (as your delegation thought) though the beautiful solo dancing of the Newest Theta is Alpha Mu's exclusive property this winter. The program the Journal reproduces, so you can imagine the rest—only don't forget that it was a performance quite up to the standard set by Romeo and company at Pasadena.

SATURDAY, JUNE 30.

Very reluctantly we went to this session, because its designation "Last session" made us wish it was a week in the future. Committee reports and unfinished business took up several hours and finally came the installation of national officers (did I tell you convention thought this no time to swap horses and so reelected all the Council?) and then that closing chain and song.

But convention wasn't over for there was all afternoon to talk while your fingers worked on Red Cross supplies, then tea to meet "the new officers," but they were not new and it was just a gathering of dear friends.

And as the sun was setting, down the stairways came the marching Thetas all in their party gowns. Some spectacle thought (so we were told) the few privileged spectators, that march down the stairs, around the wide verandahs, and then to the dining-room where the banquet tables were spread. Songs, jokes, and real fellowship was the order of the evening, with a brief but happy toast list presided over by Miss Jessie Watson, San Francisco alumnae delegate. Then once more to Convention hall, where Rho entertained with a troupe of her own members, supplemented by numerous other stars. And finally the dancing and the singing until the musicians were worn out, and then—well there were various spreads and other parties, so say those who need no beauty sleep.

Then came the time for good-byes. Sunday night's special coaches carried the most of convention home, but a goodly company lingered for shorter or longer times and it is said that when it actually came to leaving St. Louis had to have the service of the entire hotel staff to get her baggage and other impedimenta safely aboard a delayed excursion train.

Now what have I omitted from these notes? Oh, there are the new chapters that were, and are, to be. At this convention four chapters had their first delegates and well—those four delegations were just about the best argument for extension I have known, so good that the new chapters to be (*are*, I suppose, before you read this though not when it was written) are three—Beta Gamma at Colorado agricultural college, Beta Delta at the University of Arizona, and Beta Epsilon at Oregon agricultural college. We want to go to next convention, just to meet these girls who had such loyal champions at convention, because we feel sure they will be just as nice as the Big Four of this year's convention.

What this diary can not tell you is a very large part of convention. That spirit of service, of friendliness, that quiet communion together in the beautiful setting that brought nature very close to us all, that close companionship that found realization and pleasure in simple things, while planning for the active work of the coming year the service that had its foundations wisely laid in that week of clear vision and deep thinking and frank discussion. Convention was worth while indeed for every one that was there. It will be worth while for every chapter if those present can and will take that convention atmosphere to chapter work. It was worth while for the fraternity, because it gave us a definite service for the world and it showed the way to bend our fraternity activity toward the preparation of our members for better individual and collective service.

LOAN NUMBER THIRTY-THREE

SOME CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE FILES OF THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND COMMITTEE

[NOTE. Correspondence with this committee is confidential. We are using these letters with the kind permission of the applicant, and have substituted for her name, with apologies, that of our Grand President. The story of this loan contains a number of things the committee wishes to set forth, which will be entirely self-evident, among them the fact that the fraternity is able to assist girls like this one who are leaders in college and chapter and who would be sorely missed in their senior years.

Jane Spalding, Sec.]

August 12, 1917.

My dear Miss Spalding:

After having been to the Charlevoix convention, where the Scholarship fund was made so real, and having before me the Committee's report of April, 1916, which makes so clear its purpose, organization and status, I feel no hesitancy in writing to you now that it seems necessary for me to turn to this same scholarship fund.

I am a senior at the University of _____, at _____. On coming home from the east a few weeks ago, I found that it would be exceedingly difficult for me to return to college this fall. And since it is my last year and I am so near my degree and teacher's certificate, I am very anxious to return, also because I have obligations to my chapter, as well as in other student offices which I should not desert.

Therefore I hope that it may be possible for me to secure a loan of \$250 from the Scholarship fund, which I am almost sure I shall be able to pay back within a year, so that the money may be available for some other girl in similar circumstances. I do hope that it will be possible for me to secure this amount for it will take me back to college and tide me over until my allowance can again become regular.

Thanking you very much for your kindness and interest in this matter, I am

Loyally yours, *Hope Davis*

FROM THE DISTRICT PRESIDENT

August 21, 1917.

My dear Miss Spalding:

I can heartily recommend Hope Davis to you. I learned to know her at convention; she has a brilliant mind, a charming personality—just the sort of girl you can always count on. _____ chapter and the fraternity need her.

FROM THE GRAND SECRETARY. A CHANCE LETTER

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I can speak personally of two of the girls from whom you have applications now—Hope Davis and _____. Hope Davis is one of the very finest and one of the most able undergraduates in the fraternity. Her mother was a Theta years ago, and Hope is not only a loyal fraternity girl, but a fine leader, with charm, poise, and common sense. I feel sure we'd be proud if the fraternity could help her have her senior year.

FROM THE MINUTES OF THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND COMMITTEE,
AUGUST 26, 1917

The application of Hope Davis, _____ chapter, for \$250 was read, together with letters of recommendation from the District president and Miss Green, Grand secretary.

Moved and carried the loan be granted.

FROM HOPE DAVIS TO LOS ANGELES ALUMNÆ OF
KAPPA ALPHA THETA

A PROMISSORY NOTE

\$250.00. Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 1, 1917.

Three years after date, without grace I promise to pay to the order of Los Angeles Alumnae of Kappa Alpha Theta, Two Hundred Fifty Dollars, for value received, with interest from date at the rate of four per cent per annum until paid.

Hope Davis

No. 33. Due Sept. 1, 1920.

FROM J. S. FREDERICK, CASHIER, TO HOPE DAVIS
A DRAFT

Security Trust and Savings Bank

Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 11, 1917.

Pay to the order of Hope Davis	
Two Hundred Fifty Dollars	\$250.00
To Chase National Bank,	<i>J. S. Frederick,</i>
New York, N. Y.	Cashier

THETAS WE HONOR

MARY RITTER BEARD

Mary Ritter Beard is the author of *Woman's work in municipalities*, a book reviewed in the following note from the A. L. A. Book-list, a publication long edited another Theta, Elva Bascom.

"Here is a moving account of the civic enterprise of women in the fields of education, public health, recreation, corrections, housing, safety, civic improvement, government, and administration. It reveals their initiative, fearlessness, efficiency, and the growth of vision. Women are shown as experts, office-holders, voters and constructive thinkers. The book is an inspiration as well as a record. It shows how the opposition has been met, obstacles have been surmounted, and the public has been won over. There is an amazing revelation of woman's contribution to the new city government. Whoever would teach or write about woman's place in American life; whoever would understand, as a citizen, the modern municipality and its services; whoever would attempt, as an official, to direct the social activities of a city, must read this new promise of American urban life.

"Suggestive and inspiring to individuals and clubs."

In response to an editorial request for copy Mrs. Beard sent a friendly letter from which the following picture of her life and work is taken.

I am glad to send to my Theta sisters a note about what I am trying to do in the big world.

A year after I left De Pauw, from which I graduated in 1897, a De Pauw co-ed, Charles A. Beard, and I were married and went at once to England.

From an idealistic, shut-away-from-the-world atmosphere of a college composed wholly of middle class students, I was plunged almost in a night into the "black country" of England where I saw young mill girls for the first time and heard them sing "we're the boys of the bull-dog breed what's made old England great" as they reeled about the streets drunk.

I had taken a literary course in college and was utterly unprepared for economic foundations of society. The shock was horrible but it was good for me too because it wakened me up. Still I constantly took refuge in the feeling that my own country was beautiful and just, whatever England might be. After nearly three years of travel and study of social and economic conditions in Europe, we came back to America and my husband entered Columbia, where he is now a professor. This gave me a chance to learn something of social problems in our own great cities, and I found them very real.

Since we have been in New York I have tried to "do my bit" with the army of women that is warring for Democracy in this country. It is a big splendid force and I hope every Theta will enlist in such service instead of feeling that she is a finished product when she leaves college in that she is entitled to greater returns from society than she herself renders to society.

I have children too which is the most important thing in my life. This book is not as creditable to me as I would wish since it was rushed through in a terrible hurry to meet what some of us thought to be a very definite need. With my husband I am joint author of a text in civics, *American citizenship*, which has something to say about women citizens and is widely used in high schools.

MRS. W. H. AXTELL

In September, 1916, the United States followed the excellent example set it by a number of its constituent states and by many a private corporation and enacted a compensation law. This law gives compensation in wages or pensions for all the civilian employees of the United States government who may meet death or injury while in the performance of duty. The carrying out of the law's provisions is in the hands of a commission—the United States Employees' Compensation commission, to give it its full name.

One member of this commission is Mrs. Frances Cleveland Axtell. Mrs. Axtell's political experience is thus set forth in the *Saturday Evening Post*:

In 1910 Mrs. Axtell cast her first ballot in her home state, Washington; two years later she was elected to the State legislature; still two years more saw her a member of the Minimum Wage commission; and last January, President Wilson appointed her to the United States Employees Compensation commission.

Where she may be two years from now there is no telling, but in the meantime she can be found in her new offices in Washington, District of Columbia.

Mrs. Axtell is a loyal Theta, having been initiated by Alpha while a student at De Pauw, from which college she holds both a Ph.B. and an A.M. degree. Her marriage followed shortly on graduation and with her husband she went to live in Bellingham, Washington. There she was a home maker, a busy mother and a helpful member of the community, so helpful that two years after the women of Washington had gained the suffrage, Mrs. Axtell was elected to the state legislature, one of the first women to hold such a position. Here Mrs. Axtell's interests identified her with improved child labor, better schools, and mother's pension legislation.

Mrs. Axtell's interest in Theta includes close connections with Alpha Lambda chapter too, her daughter Ruth, now Mrs. Hussey, having been active there for four years, receiving her A.B. from the University of Washington in 1914.

A Theta friend of Mrs. Axtell thus describes her as a public woman. "Mrs. Axtell has many commonsense practical ideas on many different subjects, she is eminently practical, highly intelligent, and possesses that rare saving grace—a sense of humor."

ELLEN WILLIAMS BATTIN

Ellen Williams Battin, Swarthmore '93, one of the charter members of Alpha Beta and its first vice-president, went from us on August 20, 1917, after an illness of several weeks. She has been to Thetas an elder sister in the sweetest sense of the word, and her home in the old West House on the college campus, dominated by her gracious and serene personality, has for years stood for all that was most beautiful and restful to the many girls she has welcomed there.

Her life was spent in quietly serving others with an unassumed modesty. Acting first as a mother to little brothers and sisters, then to motherless children of her sister, she was also depended on by her college-mates, her later friends, and by many younger Thetas for sound, sympathetic advice and judgment. She could not be aware how greatly her cheerful poise was helpful to those who knew her.

She worked enthusiastically in many lines of service, that nearest her heart in the last few years being the cause of international peace. She and her husband, Benjamin F. Battin, were at Constance attending the peace conference when the war broke out. Their experiences there changed the course of their lives. Dr. Battin was called to the position of secretary of the alliance for promoting international friendship through the churches and he has been in Europe the greater part of the time since. Mrs. Battin, heartily in sympathy with his work, has kept up the home here, meanwhile working actively in the peace work of the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Friends and the Swarthmore branch of the Woman's Peace Party. In her unselfish devotion to her duties she never spared herself and her absence has left a void that is hard to fill.

A VISION OF DEMOCRACY

BY CHARLOTTE LEAVITT

(A toast at the Convention banquet)

This is such a large subject, Madame Toastmistress! Our greatest political philosophers, our most thoughtful statesmen are striving to get a clear vision of this world-ideal and to help the rest of us to comprehend it. The phrase seems to belong to very tremendous issues—to treaties of peace—and declaration of war. How can we, a group of women, most of us young and none perhaps very great

or wise, relate ourselves in any vital way to the ideal toward which the whole world seems to be turning?

Democracy means the rule of the people, an organized society where class or wealth gives no advantage in national life over simple manhood—where government is administered for the benefit not “of kings and thrones but men.” Can women help to establish such a state of things? Can we have any real relationship to such a Democracy?

I think there are at least two very real ways in which we can help. One is the obvious method of exercising the suffrage as it comes to us, in the cause of Democracy. This political power is passing into the hands of women more rapidly than we quite realize. And wherever women hold the suffrage there they can influence legislation along democratic lines.

But I believe that the second and greatest influence which women will always exert in favor of democratic ideals will be in personal and private rather than in public life—through sentiment more than through the ballot. The sentiment which must underlie all democratic advancement must be a feeling of genuine sisterhood among all women. I am sure that our Canadian sisters who are bearing their brave part in building a new world tell us that in the national experience which we are just entering we will find two paths along which lie the realization of this sisterhood. One is the path of labor. In the days to come women will learn to work who have never worked; and wherever women work together side by side in office or field or factory or hospital they will learn to love and respect each other for qualities of skill and patience and courage in a way that mere social intercourse could never have taught them.

Another path which leads to this goal of sisterhood we sometimes call the *Via Dolorosa*. Women who walk together in the way of suffering and sorrow must walk hand in hand or the path would be too hard for mortal endurance.

One day as I was pondering these things in my heart, my eyes grew heavy and I fell asleep and dreamed. In my dream I saw a king and his three daughters. He was very old and weary and wished to place the burden of rule in younger hands. So he planned to divide his kingdom among his three daughters—two older ones and the youngest whom he loved the most. But a time came when he misunderstood the strong quiet love of the youngest daughter and passion blinded his eyes and he rejected and disowned her, casting her away and turning his love and confidence entirely to the two older daughters. But they proved false and cruel and the old, old king became a wanderer and a madman until the dear rejected daughter came back to him and cared for him and made him know her pity and her love.

In my dream I thought that all this was a familiar story, which had been told to the world by a great poet, and that I knew right well who the old king and his three daughters were. I felt sure that in another moment I should see them go down to death, but without bitterness for in their death they were not divided. But my dream changed and there was a happy ending to the story! The old king did not die but was restored to strength and honor through the loving care of this daughter. And as I looked it was borne in upon me that the old, old king was the World full of years and sorrow and without hope. His two elder daughters were Wealth and Privilege and he put all his power into their hands. But they played him false and betrayed him and thrust him out to die. Then the beautiful young daughter, whose name was Democracy, comforted her old father and his eyes were opened and he knew her worth and made her the ruler of his realm.

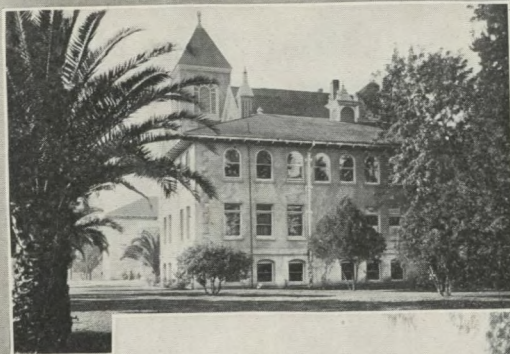
He gave her in marriage to Idealism, and from that marriage of Idealism and Democracy were born noble sons and daughters—Strength and Purity and Beauty and Joy, whose other name is Industry, and Fraternity whose eyes were kindly and whose hand-clasp was warm and true. Her other name was Love.

There were blind prophets who bore false witness and said that Fraternity means organization and grips and pass-words and insignia. But they spoke falsely for all these things were but the garments of fraternity; her spirit was love. Her heart was full of pity for all who sorrowed and her hands quick to minister to the needy. She called no man common or unclean because all were the sons of God. Youths and maidens, older men and women followed in her train and served the old world with willing hearts and hands. They put from them all foolish pride and narrowness and shallow vanity and welcomed to their company all who were clean and brave. And this spirit was theirs because they followed her whose other name is Love, who is the daughter of Democracy and Idealism.

And I saw in my dream that the old World grew young again and sat on a throne of power; and at his right hand stood Democracy and at his left Idealism, and gathered about his feet, eager to hasten on errands of service were Strength and Purity and Beauty, and Joy whose other name is Industry, and Fraternity whose other name is Love.



OMICRON—BETA GAMMA—THEIR CHAPTER HOUSES



VIEWS FROM UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA—FROM COLORADO AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

INSTALLATIONS

To be made Godmother of three chapters is an honor and a privilege that comes to very few Thetas. My children's names are Omicron, Beta Gamma, and Beta Delta. It is as Napoleon spoke in terms of endearment of the French people as "My children" that I refer to these newest Theta chapters as mine, and they are mine because was I not present at their birth into Kappa Alpha Theta? And so, I introduce these recorders of the life history of "my children" up to now.

Hazel Allison Forde

OMICRON AND U. S. C.

The original Omicron of Kappa Alpha Theta, founded in 1886, no doubt owed its existence to Jennie Allen Bovard, wife of Marion McKinley Bovard, the first president of the University of Southern California. President M. M. Bovard was a brother of Dr. George F. Bovard now president. Jennie Allen Bovard was a graduate of De Pauw and a member of Alpha chapter. The Allen family, who lived at Greencastle, have been Thetas all the way down the line. Mrs. Bovard's sister, Alice Allen Hawk, was the first Theta initiated by our four Founders.

From the time the university was started Mrs. Bovard harbored the thought that Kappa Alpha Theta must be placed in *our* university. To this end she quietly worked until she succeeded in winning the assistance of a few other Thetas who came to Southern California and a charter was granted to a group of eleven girls. The college at that time had about two hundred students; so it required careful work to have enough girls of Theta type to uphold the chapter.

Those who installed the chapter and initiated the charter members were: Mrs. M. M. Bovard (Jennie Allen); Mrs. Chauncey Hammond (Anna Hollingsworth); Mrs. W. T. S. Hammond (Elizabeth Eaton), all of Alpha; Leila Breed of Delta who taught voice at University of Southern California. Miss Conrey, a sister of Judge Conrey of Los Angeles, who was visiting here.

Needless to say our ideals were high, our ambitions boundless—was ever Theta otherwise!

University of Southern California was opened to students October 4, 1880; the first institution of the kind in Southern California. There was just one building and a boarding hall for girls. From

the beginning the college seemed to fill a great need and students came from all parts of Southern California; and some from Eastern cities came on account of the climate. We were particularly fortunate in the personnel of the faculty; they were men and women whose standards of life were the best and their efforts for the students' upbuilding untiring.

Just at the close of 1887 the real estate boom, which had carried Southern California prices sky-high, *burst*. There followed such a time of depression as few cities have passed through. Among many people who had been well to do there was actual want. University lands, which had been a large asset, were absolutely unsalable and it was impossible to raise money by subscriptions. Thus affairs at the college were in a serious condition. The number of students decreased materially also.

After some two years of great discouragement, worry and double work in the college our greatly beloved president, Marion M. Bovard, was taken ill and in a short time died. This added blow to the university caused years of battling by the officials to keep the university alive. Not until the advent of Dr. George Finley Bovard to the presidency did University of Southern California come into her own once more. Since that time it has grown by leaps and bounds until it is impossible for even an alumnus to be posted on improvements and numbers there.

About two years after the Kappa Alpha Theta charter was granted to Omicron, through the influence of Rose and Olive Harrison, former students, a charter was granted to a group of girls at the University of the Pacific, at San Jose; Helen Widney Watson and Olive Harrison went up there and installed Phi chapter which was later moved to Stanford university.

At the beginning of the hard times at University of Southern California it was possible to have only a very few choice girls in our Theta chapter. The temptation to the active girls was great to lower the standard somewhat in order to keep up the chapter. So a council of active and alumnæ members was held and with tears and heart-aches we decided to send our last delegate to convention to voluntarily surrender our charter. Lillian Bovard (Mrs. Will Armstrong), daughter of the late president, M. M. Bovard, was asked to go. A Herculean task was that for our delegate? The members of Omicron scattered, but *never* were there more loyal Thetas than they! When you go through fiery trials together perhaps you are bound more closely to each other and to your cause.

A few years later when a Theta club was started which finally developed into our grand Los Angeles alumnæ chapter Omicron was at the head of the procession and assisted in the organization.

The Bible says; "Hope deferred maketh the heart sick"—old Omicron thoroughly believes it a truth! We had become so dis-

heartened by investigation plus investigations of our dear old Alma Mater that had long since passed Stanford in numbers that when it was really announced that our charter was to be restored—we had no enthusiasm. We just wanted to go off in a corner and cry it out alone.

However, nature is a great physician; and when it came time to plan for the great initiation of the new Omicron—old Omicron's heart shifted to the right place once more and they buckled down with a right good will ready to do their part.

It was a time of great joy for Omicron senior! They looked the children over with jealous eye to see if they were worthy to wear their precious mantle:—"Yes, the seal of approval could well be placed upon their brow"—and Mother Omicron took the child Omicron to her heart and in her sheltering arms this child may always find comfort.

Bertha Lindley Coffin

FROM ALPHA RHO TO OMICRON

Alpha Rho was founded at the University of Southern California in January, 1895, and had the longest continuous existence of any woman's fraternity at the university.

The founders of Alpha Rho were Frances Thomson Fraleigh, Irene Griscome Greenleaf, Pearl Bernizer, Edith Paddison, and Sarah Miller Siler. The membership in the active chapter has always been comparatively small, with fifteen girls as the usual number. There are about one hundred alumnae members, who have been very active in assisting the chapter in rushing and every possible way.

Alpha Rho established the first woman's fraternity house at the university in 1908. As Omicron of Kappa Alpha Theta we have just moved into the new home pictured, of which we are very proud.

The reinstallation of Omicron at the University of Southern California took place in April. The first event, the pledge service, was held the evening of April 12 at the home of Helen Widney Watson, Omicron. The college chapter of Alpha Rho, the eight alumnae members eligible to Kappa Alpha Theta, and sixty of the Los Angeles alumnae chapter and visiting Thetas were present. Helen Green Cross, Phi, of San Francisco, District president, directed the impressive service, assisted by Hazel Allison Forde, Kappa, Grand vice-president and Grand Council representative in full charge of the installation. The girls who were pledged were Placida Gardner, Florence Parmalee, Ruth Brown, Lucille Zander Crossan, Edith Myers Loynahan, Gladys Bridges Tweedy, Eva Smith, Eunice Oerter, Florence Paul, Heloise Davis, Margaret Olds, Barbara Gurney, Helen Wallace, Alice Claire Brown, Daisyolah Wilson, Jane Thomp-

son, Betty Follen, Marion Neuls, Helen Hargis, Alta McCrea, Ruth Durkee, Margaret Johnson, Venus Wilson.

Initiation was held the following evening at the home of Mrs. F. A. Cattern in South Pasadena. The ceremony could not have been more wonderful, it seemed to us all as we went home with the realization that now we were truly Thetas, but Thetas with so much yet to learn.

Installation took place Saturday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Lee Philips and was followed by a reception at the home of Miss Sada Johnson when we were officially introduced to the world as Omicron of Kappa Alpha Theta. That evening about one hundred Thetas were present at the initiation banquet at the Ebell clubhouse.

The conduct of a model business meeting Monday evening at the fraternity house concluded the events of the installation period.

There are only eight college members at college this fall. Our three weeks of truce will be followed by three weeks of rushing. There is a very promising freshman class this year, so that rushing prospects are good.

Our chapter president is Daisyolah Wilson, one of our four seniors. "Dio" is an English major and one of our Panhellenic representatives.

Helen Wallace, our "Wally," was elected president of the Associated women students for this year, the most honored position among the women, but has resigned owing to a breakdown which she had last summer, and from which she has not regained her health sufficiently to assume the duties of that office. She was also to go as the Omicron delegate to Charlevoix. She is a member of Torch and Tassel, the women's honorary society of the university, and is a sociology major.

Alta McCrea is our third senior.

Ruth Durkee is editor of the college paper, *The Trojan*. She is a member of Lance and Lute, the honorary dramatic society, of Torch and Tassel, and of the Women's tennis club. She was elected secretary of the student body, but resigned to become editor. She is assistant in the journalism department, and was one of the organizers of the university Press club.

Helen Hargis and Marion Neuls, our two juniors at Liberal arts, are both sociology majors and assistants in that department. Helen was our convention delegate. She is assistant editor of *El Rodeo*, the annual publication of the junior class, and is prominent in dramatics. She is also Panhellenic delegate. Marion is a member of the Young Women's Christian association cabinet, collegiate editor of *El Rodeo*, and a member of the Women's tennis club. Marion and

Helen are both members of the executive board of the Southern California sociological society.

Betty Follen attends the College of Law, and is a member of Theta Kappa Alpha, the women's honorary debating fraternity of the College of Law.

Venus Wilson is our one sophomore.

AN ALUMNÆ VIEW-POINT

What has it meant to have a college chapter in our midst? Oh a very great deal, but we only begin to perceive what it is going to mean to this staid *alumnæ* chapter. Had you been present at the Installation banquet and heard Mrs. Helen Widney Watson play ping-pong with our emotions, felt her tossing them to and fro from the very verge of tears across the net to gladness, back again to the wistful field of memory's sweet eighteen-year-old gaities, you might have guessed a little of what it means to that splendid group of women, the former Omicron.

But what it means to us is just beginning to dawn. Last Saturday we held our first *alumnæ* meeting of the season at the chapter house. The chapter had been in possession only a day and a half, and yet they were ready to receive us, with cordial rosy smiles and an old mixture of pride and apology. It is a splendid house, quite worthy of the new chapter, and the seven girls had worked hard to make their spacious living-room and dining-room bespeak the welcome they felt. We were made to inspect every corner from top floor chapter-room-to-be to cellar stairs, and we were all teeming with ideas about curtains and dishes and a new piano; and some of us asked privately about this and that prospective freshman, heard a bit of news, gave a word of cheer. We grew tremendously concerned that our girls should win this first tug of war against their newly installed and far more numerous opponents.

In our dignified *alumnæ* midst sat four newly made Omicron Thetas, dear to the college girls through four years of comradeship. It was their presence which proved to be the intangible but very real link binding us all together in one proud and happy Theta sisterhood. And as I said before, this is only the beginning of what the new chapter is going to mean to us in the future.

—*Los Angeles alumnæ*

FROM T. E. T's TO K. A. T's

Do you remember the story of the adoring young husband who felt it his duty to keep wifey informed of his every movement? One night while on a business trip to a distant metropolis, you know, he met an elderly lady, who found no available berths in the Pullman. Galantry being greater than weariness, the young man rose to the

occasion and offered his berth, getting what rest he could in the straight chairs of the coach ahead. Next morning the following telegram reached Dear Wifey "Am worn out—gave birth to an old lady last night."

So on September 8, Kappa Alpha Theta might have sent forth the word "Am happy—gave birth to twenty-three old Thetas this week." For surely the Tau Epsilon Tau girls of Colorado agricultural college are reincarnated Thetas of old. To meet them was to meet Theta character—to know them to know Theta ideals in practice. They were local in nothing but name. From September 6 to September 9 a scenario was enacted in Fort Collins, Colorado, and since it was entirely a Theta cast, I'm sure you'll be interested in its story. The name:—

"Birth of Twenty-three New Thetas"

or

"Installation in the Rockies of Colorado."

SCENE I

Time—September 5.

Place—T. E. T. house—a big white stone house with spacious rooms—quite the best fraternity house in town ideally as well as conveniently situated.

Enter unexpectedly owing to miscarried letter announcing arrival—District president. Deep confusion on part of hostesses and hurried hiding of brooms, mops, dust cloths, et cetera. One hand shake spoke unmistakably of scrubbing. Next morning—Grand treasurer and Grand vice-president arrive in state. Machines and trains bring, too, Thetas from Denver, Cheyenne, and Topeka, Kansas.

SCENE II

Time—September 6.

Place—Sixty feet north of chapter house to Home of Mrs. Brenni-man, a Theta alumna.

First introduction of a Colorado local fraternity to our nation-wide national Kappa Alpha Theta. Impressively received. Hallelujah Meeting held after pledging in which new Kittens show musical talent ranging from Grand opera future to foot ball cheerleaders and old Thetas render in untrained Harmony, Oh Evalon—Oh its Kappa kappa Alpha alpha Theta theta and W-i double n-e-r-s

SCENE III

Time—September 7.

Place—Same as Scene II.

While Kittens are away in classes, the K A T's prepare for initiation. The joy of an Installation box from our new Theta Property-man, with every needed article ready for use, even to hammer and tacks, was duly appreciated. During preparations, some slacker

K A T's leave duty and take in the university campus—truly a gratifying sight. (Here show pictures of College buildings—most of them new and modern; spacious campus with a view to future growth beautifully gardenized and kept; state experimental farms where things as they should be are grown.)

Initiation of seven strong, helpful alumnae in the afternoon and thirteen bright, earnest actives in the evening. Anti-climax to the day when Honorable Grand treasurer drops ink bottle on lightest spot on chapter room rug. Home economics training demonstrated by Gladys Farr who eliminates spot with soap and elbow grease while hungry actives raid cupboard for home made cookies brought by a thoughtful alumna.

SCENE IV

Time—September 8.

Places—Varied.

Morning shows sight seeing parties and workers the latter hurrying to mountains to gather conservation decorations for house. At noon the beautiful and impressive installation service conducted by Grand vice-president—this followed by luncheon at Hotel Northern. In evening a reception at chapter house to faculty and students for visiting guests of Beta Gamma chapter. Congratulations, written, spoken, and floral most hearty and sincere. Informal dancing finished a happy day.

SCENE V

Time—Morning after.

Place—Chapter house.

Chapter fraternity meeting during which the chapter is initiated into new duties as Thetas. Hasty departure of Mrs. Forde and Mrs. Huffman for Arizona installation, and gradual departure of remaining guests. A happy, worthy group left behind; a hearty, more than satisfied Theta representation leaving to carry away the glad impressions.

Marie S. Davis

CAST

Kappa—Mrs. Hazel Allison Forde
Rho—Mrs. Martha Cline Huffman, Mrs. Joyce Broady Clark,
Magdaline Hahn, Martha Post
Alpha Iota—Marie Davis
Delta—Jessie Lummis
Alpha Upsilon—Beatrice Shakeshaft, Ruth Kaster, Dorothy Wahle
Pi—Mrs. Emma Agard Engle
Alpha Rho—Mrs. Nellie Riedesel Poole
Psi—Josephine Whitehead, Lucretia Whitehead
Beta—Mrs. Anna Lindley Atkinson

Theta—Mrs. Harriet Silcot Brenniman

Upsilon—Mrs. Bessie Dookstader Francis

Phi—Mrs. Mabel Baum Smith

Alpha Gamma—Mrs. Helen Hollingsworth Shafor

Beta Gamma—Margaret Ross, Sarah Kettle, Edith McCreery, Cecil Hahn, Marion Brink, Gladys Farr, Frances Kettle, Virginia Thomson, Grace Harvey, Dorothy Finger, Zenada Alexander, Florence Crane, Jennie Horn Leeper, Crystal Netherton, Doris Mann, Bernice Dunlap, Gertrude Lawver, Gladys Dunlap, Laura Mason, Bessie Van Brimer.

"Question Box"—"Why We Entered C. A. C."

A stay at home: From Fort Collins! Oh—how about our new sisters?

An installationite: New only in name. Just splendid, all round girls—happy, congenial, bright from most refined and representative homes. In college active and leaders in all activities.

Stay at home: But how about rushing?

Installationite: They rush the best material against the nationals and they rush earnestly and above board. Panhellenic always consults their opinion before introducing changes—

S. A. H.: Isn't the whole college narrow—one sided, being a vocational institution?

I.: Not much! They have splendid opportunities in the fine arts and science, not *instead* of home economics but besides home economics."

S. A. H.: But it is such an unknown college. Why did you enter it?

I.: It is to our discredit to claim it is unknown. The State experimental farms are there. It has recently been put in charge of government funds for State of Colorado for introduction of helpful vocational training in county schools. Its endowment is permanent though it is under state control. Its buildings, equipment and teaching staff are all worthy of praise. Did you know, too, it has had the champion football team of western league for two consecutive years? Boulder, Denver university, Colorado college all fell to defeat before C. A. C.

S. A. H.: Grand council does know what it is about when it recommends a group, doesn't it?

BETA GAMMA

June 30, 1917, was a great day. Telegrams were flying in all directions, bearing that wonderful bit of news to our girls—"Tau Epsilon Tau granted a charter of Kappa Alpha Theta." 'Twas a wonderful feeling to know that we were really to become Thetas.

Then the eventful days arrived, bringing with them Mrs. Forde and Mrs. Huffman, of the Grand council, Marie Davis, District president, and many other lovely Thetas, all whom we appreciated knowing and having with us.

The installation ceremonies covered a period of four days and were most impressive throughout. 'Tis strange what so few days can mean to a group of girls. These were days that shall linger with us throughout life. Days that have brought to us newer and higher ideals and placed in our minds "the true worth and merit of Kappa Alpha Theta."

A scholarship cup was presented to Beta Gamma, by the resident Thetas—Magdalene Hahn, Harriet Silcot Brenniman (Mrs. R.), and Anna Lindley Atkinson (Mrs. Curtis).

We were especially fortunate to have our District president, Marie Davis, with us for several weeks.

Rushing started Saturday, September 23, with the Panhellenic Tea. This Tea was given by the various fraternities, for all new girls in the college. Thetas carried out a Military idea, which was unusually successful. The chapter house became "Camp Theta," and was fittingly decorated for the occasion. The girls were dressed in military and red cross uniforms.

Although college has been in session but a few weeks, our girls have received the following honors:

'18 Laura Mason, President Young Women's Christian association.

'18 Jennie Horn Leiper (Mrs. T), Secretary of the home economics club.

'18 Grace Harvey, class secretary.

'19 Crystal Netherton, class vice-president.

'20 Gertrude Lawver, class secretary.

A BIT ABOUT SOME OF US

Dorothy Finger left September 17 for Northwestern university, where she will teach in the music department.

Margaret Ross is head of the Domestic arts department in the Fort Collins schools.

'18 Jennie Horn was married to Thomas Leiper, E.A., June 27. Mrs. Leiper will continue her work in college. Address: 415 Elizabeth St., Fort Collins, Colorado.

'19 Doris Mann announced her engagement to Lowell Chandler, E. N.

A TRIBUTE

We Denver Thetas who were able to go to Fort Collins for the installation of Beta Gamma indeed enjoyed the ceremonies and knowing the girls. It was such a pleasure also to meet Mrs. Huffman, Mrs.

Forde and Miss Davis. It is going to be splendid to have an active chapter in the state and we will have more interest in Panhellenic here in Denver. The Denver Panhellenic is giving a scholarship cup to C. A. C. similar to the ones already given to the University of Colorado and Denver university fraternities.

Helen Hollingsworth Shafor

THE YOUNGEST

Stewart Edward White has described Arizona as that section in which "there are more rivers and less water, more cows and less milk, and you can see farther and see less" than any other state in the union. I am not disputing Mr. White. No state ever lived up to expectations more completely than Arizona, I am sure, in the matter of sunshine and scenery, but the cosmopolitan tone of its society was a surprise to "us easterners" from Kansas and Nebraska.

Only two of Beta Delta chapter are native born Arizonians and they had their preparatory school work out of the state. The geographical knowledge and experience of the university's undergraduates is amazing. We may expect them *all* at the next convention.

The routine functions of an installation week-end were further elaborated by Theta's Tucson friends with breakfasts, luncheons, and dinners. Fortified with pitchers of ice water, we consumed chili con carne, encalados and frijoles, on the side, and respectfully suggest that a doctor's certificate of a husky stomach be attached to the college diploma required for council members. It was a gay and hectic week, but we left behind us a full fledged, enthusiastic Theta chapter, one of serious purpose and demonstrated ability in an interesting, stimulating environment. The fraternity will be mighty proud of Beta Delta.

Martha Cline Huffman

BETA DELTA

Gamma Phi Sigma was organized by a group of five girls in 1905, and in the twelve years of its activities the girls have grown very close together. There is a certain sadness in the parting with the old relationship, but happiness reigns supreme as we now embark upon our first voyage into national fraternal life.

The Beta Delta installation festivities started early the morning of September 13 when Mrs. Forde, Mrs. Huffman, Grace Hawkins, Alpha Delta, and Hazel White, Phi, arrived. We ended a busy morning, spent meeting Thetas and returning Gamma Phis, with a luncheon at Mary Estill's home. That evening eighteen Gamma Phi Sigmas pledged their loyalty to Kappa Alpha Theta.

The sun came up on September 14 to find the already Thetas at breakfast with the alumnae and seniors of the Theta-to-be, and sank

behind the mountains that evening knowing that Jane Rider, Julia Rockfellow, Catherine Hoy, Esther Wright, and Nydia Acker had been initiated into the mystic circle. In the evening the five new Thetas assisted the old in initiating Mary Estill, Ruth Reed, Martha Casey, Hazel Whitney, Henrietta Rockfellow, Althea Saelid, Dorothy Heighton, Blanche Smith, Dorothy Jackson, Edith McDermott, Helen Bailard, Duella Hackett, Mary McDermott, Effie Davey, and Dorothy Brannen.

Saturday, the fifteenth, Mrs. Heighton's hospitable doors were opened to the Thetas to meet the new Thetas' mothers. The warm afternoon was spent at Mrs. Von KleinSmids for the purpose of organizing a Panhellenic. Then at 6 o'clock came the installation we had waited so long for, and happy in the possession of our new charter and new Theta sisters we motored to the Tucson golf and country club for the installation banquet. The gay golden marigolds on the table reflected the joyousness in our hearts—a joyousness that never could be expressed by mere words—and all too soon the first memorable event of Beta Delta Chapter was assigned to the ranks of never to be forgotten memories.

Jane Rider has been appointed Director of the State pure food laboratory, Mary Estill has charge of the Red Cross work of the university branch. Julia Rockfellow and Elizabeth Palmer have positions in the Tucson city schools.

Catherine Hoy and Lawrence Jackson, Kappa Sigma, were married in Bisbee, September 25. Esther Wright is the head of the Domestic science department of the Phoenix high school. Nydia Acker is also teaching Home economics in the Phoenix district schools.

Other Thetas present at the installation of Beta Delta Chapter were Mrs. Lucy Galbraith, Phi, of Phoenix; Miss Vera Zoe Shurtz, Eta, and Reba Wylie, Beta, Tucson.

Martha Casey

BETA EPSILON

The installation of Beta Epsilon Chapter at Oregon agricultural college will take place November 8 to 10 in Corvallis. The Grand vice-president, Mrs. Forde, the Grand secretary, Miss Green, and the District president. Mrs. Dodge, will be in charge of the installation. Look for *our* story in the January issue.

EXTRACTS FROM *THE KITE STRING AND THE KITE TAIL*

EFFICIENT CHOIR MAKES MUSIC SUCCESS

Singing the old songs and learning the new ones is no small part of delights of Convention. It is hard to tell what unmelodious sounds might issue forth from the lustly throats of the loyal sisters were it not for the choir to steer them through the new tunes, and unite them on the old.

The new songs are so attractive that everyone wants to learn them to spring on the chapter at home even before the new songbook is completed. The choir under the leadership of Mrs. La Belle Stephens deserves a great deal of appreciation for its splendid work.

The following girls are members of the choir: The Wilhelmie Twins; Mrs. Banta; Ray Gloria; Anne Cellarius; Charlotte Bedwell; Genevieve McMillan; Ida Lotspeich; Ruth Baumbaugh; Mrs. Perine; Gladys Bell; Jeane Haskin; Barbara Abel; Geraldine Smith; Verna Gold; Laura Reed; Genevieve Moffett; Mildred Candy; Margaretha Roth; Helen Banister; Violet Crumbine; Gracia Wood; Florence Dale; Margaret Briggs; Clara MacKenzie; Margaret Dill; Ruth Fruland; Gladys Grunner; Margery Schroeder; Helen Dill; Mildred Evans; Dorothy Stevens.

INDUSTRY!!

Gazing o'er Convention Hall
There's one sight that beats 'em all.
As 'round the room your eyeballs roam,
You think, "A nice Old Ladies Home."
For there our Theta sisters sit,
And knit and knit and knit and knit.
Sweaters of yaller, purple, red—
It gives you all the dizzy head
And, what gives us the hardest shocks,
Alas it's for no soldier's box.
Oh Theta dear, now why don't you
Instead knit socks of pink and blue.

THE CANDY TABLE

To the left as you enter THE INN and located almost directly in the lobby aisle is a small table heaped high with boxes. You surely must have become aware of this table very early in your convention career, for these boxes are filled with candy—chocolate candy; and although your senses of sight and smell might be hopelessly ineffi-

cient surely the cravings of the inner man must have made you feel that candy was near.

This candy table is in charge of the Service Bureau, and each day it is turned over to a different chapter with specially appointed members to act as saleswomen. Those chapters taking turns are Tau, Alpha Tau, Alpha Omicron, and Beta.

The money coming from the candy sales does not go to buy automobiles or summer homes, but rather, it goes to help some Theta to finish her college education. In other words, this money goes to keep up and to increase the scholarship fund.

This heavily laden table is similar to one which attends every convention of Theta, but it is said that it has never before aided the scholarship fund in such a sweet way.

ETA SINGS!

Come to convention from East and west
North and South and all the rest,
First give the whistle and then give the grip,
And you'll never be sorry that you made this trip.

Chorus—

Young folks, old folks, everybody come
Join our fraternity and have a lot of fun.
Kindly check your husbands and your babies at the door
And you'll meet some Thetas that you never met before.

Hope Davis Mecklin is our President
Without our Hope, where would Theta have went?
She presides at our Convention
She's a Booster at Extension.

Hazel Allison Forde is our Vice-president,
We think from Heaven our Hazel was sent.
Neither Henry's wife nor Henry's daughter
She does all that Vice-president oughter.

Martha Cline Huffman holds the purse strings,
So that our money it won't take wings.
The Scholarship Fund our Martha created
So that all us girls could get educated.

L. Pearle Green she edits our Journal
She's a captain, she's a colonel.
She's been with us in the days gone by
Without L. Pearle our kite couldn't fly.

EFFICIENCY CUP AWARDED

The much coveted efficiency cup which is awarded for two years at every convention is based upon three considerations. Fifty per cent of credit is counted for scholarship, twenty five per cent of relation of chapter to the college, and the remaining twenty five per cent for relation of the chapter with the national organization. At Saturday's morning session the award was made to Lambda with honorable mention to Alpha Beta and Kappa.

CONSERVATION SUGGESTION

1. Use no candy and sweetmeats and enlist others to do likewise.
2. Make no gifts of sweetmeats at Christmas time.
3. Eliminate sundaes and fancy ice creams served with syrup.
4. Use less cake and when served let it be without icing.
5. Watch the coffee and tea cups to see that sugar is not wasted in them.

If every fraternity woman will join the league of those that are trying to do this as another "bit" toward the final supremacy of right and democracy a *real* service is thus being rendered. Will you pledge yourself to adopt the above as your program?

VOCATIONS

In September, 1917, the Intercollegiate bureau of occupations, New York City, reported—"An unlimited demand for the young college graduate who is willing to begin at the bottom. No technical training is required and the candidate with a good college record, a pleasing personality, quick reactions, and a desire to learn the business, is snapped up by the employer. It is easier, however, to place a girl who has majored in mathematics, chemistry, or physics, than one who has specialized in English or the languages. Particularly in banks and insurance companies clerks are wanted who are willing to start at routine work and opportunities seem good for growing into good positions from some of the beginning jobs. Women who have had mathematics and mechanical drawing can easily be placed as draftsmen at \$15 a week to start.

"A recent placement in the field of industrial chemistry is worth noting. The successful candidate is to be supervisor of the laboratory, directing the work of a number of girls who do routine analysis. A number of industrial laboratories are showing a tendency to employ women where only men have been before.

"The secretarial department reports the same scarcity of applicants and an amazing number of jobs. In addition to the good business positions available, a well trained secretary can secure almost anything she wishes in government service in Washington."

Clotilde Grunsky, Omega '14, last year Vocational adviser at Mills college, writes of the method she found most valuable in putting girls in touch with possible vocations.

"I have a theory that half the value of information about a vocation is in having obtained it yourself. If the girls are in earnest in 'wanting to know,' it would be well for five minutes of each chapter meeting to be given to a report on some one line of work, secretarial work, for instance, or interior decorating. The information would be obtained by interviewing some one in the work.

"The experience of having to face some one actually in the business world and to interview them is of almost as much value as the information received. It need not always be a 'woman in the work,' a man or even a mere employer will often do as well. The interviewing should be done by some girl interested along that particular line of work—and should serve the double purpose of answering her own needs and providing information and inspiration for others."

An interesting series of *Information bulletins* has been issued by the Columbia university Mobilization committee on women's work. They deal with the need for certain types of trained workers, the opportunities for training and the positions available.

In speaking of social service work, they urge the young women of leisure to enroll in some of the emergency training classes now being conducted in every large city and then to volunteer their services to help the existing organizations now so short of regular workers, and also of funds. For the woman who would make such work a vocation there are many opportunities to hold good positions once she has a thorough training; such training means a bachelor's degree and at least one year of further combined training and experience.

Agriculture and food conservation offer a large field for summer, or vacation work for college girls and courses of the college year are numerous which would make one a desirable worker next summer.

Dietitians, Instructors in home dietetics, Directors of cooking for large groups, are in demand and such positions carry good salaries too.

There is no end to the available openings in clerical work. Stenography and typewriting are essential for most of such positions. A ready use of ordinary arithmetic, ability to speak Spanish, and accuracy are other essential qualifications. Such openings now are bound to lead to big jobs in the business world, for the educated women.

Emergency scientific service, which probably will become permanent service too, has many openings now. Bacteriologists are in demand, so are chemists, and the girl who has specialized in geology may find an opening in the preparation of topographical maps for the use of government. Then there is telegraphy and wireless where women are making good, and where physics is well understood the advance in position may be rapid. Women with a knowledge of physics and anatomy find a new field in Radiography. So great has been the need along this line the past summer that St. Luke's hospital in New York city gave special training courses to properly grounded applicants.

Nursing is a field of ever widening opportunity but it demands the most thorough training, and it has a future quite apart from the question of war or peace. The leading hospitals of the country are opening new courses for college graduates who have had satisfactory preparation in scientific and social subjects; these courses cover two years instead of three and omit a good deal of the non-nursing drudgery of the usual first year's training. Columbia university has announced a combined course whereby students may complete the requirements for the degree of Bachelor of science and secure a nurse's diploma in five years.

The Collegiate bureau of occupations, Denver, in September, 1917, reports—"As for college trained stenographers, we can not begin to supply the demand." The Detroit bureau reports under same date—"Employers have sent in repeated calls for women with brains and executive ability . . . Calls for trained social workers have increased in number."

The Collegiate vocational bureau of Pittsburgh sends this advice to the college girls;—"If the war continues, the trained worker a year from now will be of greater service to the nation than a willing but untrained worker now."

One hundred and fifty young women will study to become electrical engineers at the State agricultural college of Kansas this year. Clarence E. Reid, professor of electrical engineering at that college says: "Women are being employed as power plant operators in the large central stations of Europe and have been found entirely satisfactory. Work of this kind is far less exhausting than many forms of work in which women are now engaged, for central station operators may use seats and have more variety of movement in their work. Desirable qualifications for entering upon electrical engineering study comprise ability in mathematics and interest in scientific study."

The June, 1917, issue of the *Journal of the Association of Collegiate alumnae* published an interesting article on the work of the Vocational supervision league of Chicago which worked to fit child and vocation to one another. Its work has recently been taken over by the city and its financing thus permanently assured. It is very suggestive of the sort of civic service any group of women might give their city. But for this department the chief interest lies in this paragraph: The work "has shown the need for trained vocational advisers and points to the occupation of expert adviser as a coming field for college women. It emphasizes the value of such courses as the one which Miss Jackson and her associates are offering in Boston and the one which the School of civics and philanthropy gives in Chicago. Many more workers are needed in this field, and few are as yet especially trained for it."

This new vocation has an increasing number of positions to offer since the government has enacted the Vocational training law, whereby the United States gives to each state a definite sum each year, to be duplicated by the state, for vocational advice and guidance in the public schools.

Where has my money gone?
Theta Convention!
I had to pawn my clothes,
I need a pension.
It's worth its weight in gold,
Theta Convention!
Say girls, I'm glad my money's gone.

Διαλεγόμενα

CHARLEVOIX, JUNE, 1917

Our former Grand President, Myra Post Cady, expressed the feeling of many of us older Thetas when she said in convention one morning that she had thought at first that the biennial should this time be given up, because of world conditions, but said she, "I am converted, it has been wise to have the gathering." She held the record for having attended more conventions than any one present, but I too am something of an habitu  . We had never before seen delegates and visitors spending minutes and hours folding bandages. Perhaps the presence of this opportunity to do something for those who are in need had its influence upon convention, for certainly there was evident a spirit of unselfishness. We older women smiled among ourselves at the solicitude and attentions of the college girls, but we really enjoyed their thoughtfulness. We were impressed with the efficiency of our Grand council; we realized better than ever how large the fraternity has become, what it means for our Grand secretary to find fifty letters in her daily mail, as she said in her report is her average during the college year.

We had the Inn to ourselves, we spent a week together, the spirit of helpfulness prevailed, and we big sisters anticipate that each chapter will get from her delegate the determination to be more purposeful, to make time count for more during the year and to "lend a hand" more often. What is there that makes life worth while if it is not this spirit of service!

Alice E. Wadsworth, Eta and Chicago Alumna  

A CONVENTION SNAP-SHOT

When we got off the special train from Grand Rapids and first realized we were at Charlevoix we had a feeling of excitement and then of dismay when we found we had about a quarter of a mile to walk with our packages and parcels to The Inn. The blazing log fire which greeted us as we entered the door promptly dispelled our doubts of a few moments before.

The first day of our convention was spent in getting started. The days which followed were truly as inspiring as our wildest anticipations. We immediately fell head over heels in love with our Grand council and there were few of us who would have objected to being

tied to our Grand president's apron string if we could have provoked her sufficiently to merit punishment.

The boat ride on Lake Michigan Wednesday afternoon was truly better than any Jonah ever had and the Board of Trade made no mistake when they thought to advertise by giving us a motor trip around Pine Lake.

Add one stitch every other row, knit two, drop one. One guess. Our knitters made a lasting impression upon the minds of most all.

We left convention a much wiser, happier, and more enthusiastic crowd of girls and hope we can all be at St. Louis for the next one.

Mary K. Arnold

ON CONVENTION

What is the most valuable one thing Convention adds to Theta experiences? The "National vision"! Convention by its very existence, in its very nature, takes away the local notion, and substitutes a very real national existence. The Grand council, the round table exchange of ideas, and the mere presence of girls from so many sections, all interested in, and working for, the same ideals—our Kappa Alpha Theta; all these mean a wider national vision. Go to St. Louis, and get it for yourself!

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Can you vision to yourself a sun-flower—one of the large, full-blown, double variety—so gorgeous that it reminds one of a chrysanthemum? Please try! For as I sit here looking into the face of one, it seems to symbolize Convention so aptly that the very thought of it is a luminous ball of pure loveliness. The outer petals, larger of course than those nearer the center, being the "big sisters," farther outward in the game of life, but with thoughts directed toward the heart of the flower, ever and unfailingly protective; the more medium-sized majority, filling in the body of the blossom, just as the active girls constituted the main part of our great gatherings; and, in the very center of it all, a tiny but distinct splotch of green—(that color always indicative of ignorance)—denoting an ever-present touch of that striving toward light and truth which is so necessary to effective progress then, that splendid tone of deeper color-glowing orange just merging into red—remindful of a fuller, more mature background which unobtrusively yet with unwavering persistence gives the flower its richest hue!

What *could* that be

But our G. C.?

This, then, is the way in which Convention as a whole is brought back to me—like a huge sun-flower, radiant and a-glow with Life; a source of far-reaching joy to every Theta heart.

Ann Arbor, Mich., Sept. 18, 1917

M. J. T.

CONVENTION REFLECTIONS

Much may have been the amusement furnished to some chance observer at our convention, by the big wall mirror on the east side of "The Inn," across from the office. Many enthusiastic Thetas were seen to rush pell mell toward the open door there reflected, only to stop short in confusion, and turn swiftly, but with assumed non-chalance, to see if any one had noticed their mistake.

One delegate, with a humorous smile, remarked, "I said to myself, 'What funny feet that girl has.' And I looked up to see what the rest of her was like—and she was I!"

The sedate and proper Syracuse alumna told this tale to a properly appreciative audience the evening of "chapter dinners."

"On the morning of our arrival, I started toward the desk to register. There was a great crowd gathered about the office, but I noticed one woman leave the throng and start directly toward me. She didn't turn any to let me pass, so I said 'Pardon me'; but she evidently didn't hear me. 'Possibly she is deaf,' I thought, so I raised my voice: 'Excuse me: may I pass?' She made no answer; and I felt myself growing provoked when, on looking directly into her face, *I saw to my horror and surprise that I had been talking to myself!*"

KNITTING NEEDLE SKETCH

What was it that impressed me as I tried to knit and yet not miss any of the many interesting things going on around me? That wonderful sisterly feeling with which every one seemed to be imbued could not help but be noticed and fully appreciated. In this day of our rapid living, was it not a pleasure to be in a hotel where every one was considerate of her next door neighbor? For is it not rather amusing the way people can be so apparently unconscious of every one but themselves and yet at the same time be touching elbows with people in chairs on either side? If such a little thing as a sisterly feeling can make 250 girls so happy at The Inn, let us try it on all the people we meet.

Ada Meadows, Alpha Rho

THE MAGNET

My deepest impression of Convention was that we have so many wonderful women, out of active fraternity life for years, who are still so vitally interested in our betterment that they will cross the continent to meet with us in a National Convention. This reminds me of the country lad whom Henry Ford was showing through his factory. He showed him a magnet that would draw a heavy steel bar four feet and he said, "Here my lad, is the most powerful magnet in the world." The boy looked at him and said, "I differ with

you Mr. Ford for I know a magnet in pink and white frills that draws me fifteen miles or farther every Sunday night."

And I am like the boy. The fraternity as a magnet, drew us together from such great distances. I hope its power will increase and we will have twice as many at our next Convention in St. Louis.

Loa J. Howard

THE AFTERMATH

Convention—especially one's first convention is a revelation indeed! We are filled to the brim with every passing moment's opportunity for pleasure, thought, and realization. And perhaps the very nicest thing about it all, is what we take home with us—a fuller conception of Kappa Alpha Theta, a firm determination *never* to miss another convention, and, last but not least, a full store of appreciative memories always to be recalled in the future with the keenest pleasure.

How soon, to be sure, begins the great pleasure of reaping the aftermath! Those twelve or fifteen Thetas from the East, who returned home together on the good ship *Minnesota* enjoyed a special opportunity. The trip seemed a tiny but enthusiastic bit of convention—continued. Tongues wagged and opinions were exchanged. Convention proper was viewed from all angles, and its spirit was with us.

We Chi-ites said good-bye to our fellow travelers at Buffalo, and then were personally conducted to Toronto by good and delightful Mary Hillman of Sigma. Let me here recommend Miss Mary as one who is very much a Theta, in deed as in fact. She rescued four stranded Syracusans and entertained them right royally at a brief little house party. On the fourth of July, she helped us celebrate by inviting some Toronto Thetas to lunch with us; and we talked "convention" for two hours without stopping. That was not the end by any means: we've been talking ever since!

Frederica Smith, Chi, '17

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

Our first great convention has come and gone and as Alpha Psi looks back upon it she feels that it was as great and helpful as she hoped it would be. The largeness and efficiency of it seemed to impress us as much as anything. Surely no one can possibly go to such a one as that without being thrilled through and through by the enthusiasm and sincerity of it all. Everyone told us before we went that convention was the best place for a new chapter to learn more about the broadness of Thetahood, and it was. It made Alpha Psi make new vows to do more to carry out the aspirations and ideals of Thetahood.

Alpha Psi rather believed that it was not wise to hold convention in the midst of such a world-wide crisis as the present war. After the Convention, we had changed our minds, because the group of Thetas who represented all Theta chapters made nationalism and patriotism and service the keynotes of our Convention, and, by so doing, made the Convention more than worth while to all of us.

Alpha Psi

Just imagine being a Theta only two months and then going as delegate to Convention! It was so thrilling to see such wonderful girls from all over the country and feel that we were bound by the ties of sisterhood; and to know that each one had been chosen on her own merits.

Convention was an "Opportunity" to me that few girls have, the privilege of taking home the first bit of Theta loyalty. But girls, my heart went out to the intangible thing "Theta Spirit" when I put the Omicron link on the chain and you gave me such an enthusiastic welcome as representative of the baby chapter. It linked our small group to the whole fraternity and gave me the feeling of internationalism (as our sister delegate from Sigma expressed it). How I wish that our three new chapters might also have had the inspiration of Charlevoix with which to begin their career as Thetas.

Helen Hargis, Omicron

FOLLOW OUR LEAD

Feeling that on account of actual experiences of Thetas who have made use of the Scholarship fund of Kappa Alpha Theta, and who have paid their loans, will prove helpful to some girls, the attainment of whose degrees may be imperiled by present conditions, the Committee is enclosing the substance of three letters received by Miss Jane Spalding, secretary, in response to a list of questions sent by her to those girls whose loans have been repaid.

Edith R. Ellis

"Dear Miss Spalding:

"You have asked me whether, as one who has had the benefit of the Kappa Alpha Theta Scholarship loan, I can offer a word of encouragement to other girls who are hesitating to borrow the money they need to return to college this fall. I do emphatically advise any girl who is so fortunate as to have such timely assistance within her reach, to accept it. We all prefer, of course, to keep clear of debt if we can, but there are circumstances in which a little immediate money may be the means of saving us years of difficult effort. Then, the only sensible course would seem to be to borrow if we can, and Thetas who are facing that crisis today, as I faced it three years ago, are fortunate in being able to turn for help to their own sisters.

"I had completed three years of college when my work was interrupted by a long and serious illness which left me, at the end of a year, an ambitious but rather delicate convalescent, and the family pocketbook so depleted by doctors' and hospital bills that to afford to send me to college for my final year was out of the question. I suggested working my way through, as many of my friends were doing, but I was considered to be in too nervous a state to attempt any extra work, and my mother would not consent to it. Her advice was that I should teach that winter and save the money for college the following year.

"I agreed to her plan but now a new difficulty presented itself. It developed that for the purposes of obtaining a teacher's certificate, my three years of college were useless without the fourth. I might, by passing the teachers' examinations, obtain a certificate which would entitle me to teach in rural schools, but that was the best I could do. A brief estimate of the salaries paid to rural school teachers in our community convinced me that I could not hope to save more than two hundred dollars a year. At that rate it would be two years at least before I could return to school! 'Since it is evident that I must have my university diploma, before I can command a position and salary in any way considerable, the sooner I get it, the better,' I decided; and I made application at once to those friends of needy Thetas, the Scholarship committee. I obtained a loan of \$350, and the next June I held an 'open Sesame' to good teaching positions, a university diploma.

"I have not found the repayment of the loan and the moderate four per cent interest unusually burdensome, although it has never been a trifling responsibility, especially during the first year when my salary was at its minimum, and our large family underwent a continuous siege of sickness. I was disappointed that year to be able to repay less than half of my debt. However, I received last year a monthly salary of a hundred dollars and the outside demands upon it were few, so that the remaining payment was made comparatively easily.

"If I had held to my original determination not to borrow money, I might now be just out of college. Instead, I am the head of my department in a progressive little high school, thoroughly interested in my teaching, and being well paid for work which I enjoy. To the Kappa Alpha Theta Scholarship fund committee, I can say unequivocally, 'Thank you. I am glad I borrowed of you. You are doing an excellent work, and I hope many other girls may accept the opportunities you are offering them, as I have done.'

Loyally yours," _____

"My dear Miss Spalding:

Will try to answer your questions as best I can. I did not earn any money during college work because I was doing the house work at home and commuting. I complete this term my work for the teacher's certificate, after which I hope to make prompt use of it. Fortunately for me, I was able to pay back the loan at the end of the year because our very severe stringency was over then and I had saved every cent of my allowance that I could and so was able to pay the entire amount. I advise any girl who is at least half way through her college course to finish it by borrowing money from the Scholarship fund and I do wish all the chapters together would raise a voice of encouragement to help all girls to finish their courses. I myself should like to get out and boost each and every individual, for I am only beginning to realize how much my college work meant to me and that it would not have been possible without the generous assistance of the Theta Scholarship fund.

Yours sincerely," _____

"My dear Miss Spalding:

"While in college I earned some money, never more than \$200 per year, acting as student assistant, private tutor, and so on. My work kept me very busy, but my health was excellent. As for efficiency in study, I will let my grades answer. (Grades enclosed all As and Bs)

"As far as good times are concerned, I had engagements constantly during the entire four years.

"Now for college activities, which are the cream of one's college life, I held offices in chapter, class and college societies and filled every nook and cranny of my days and nights. No one could be any happier than I was or felt any more satisfaction from her work, I am sure.

"After graduation, I held for two years the chair of French in a large high school. I made \$90 a month my first year and \$100 my second year. I resigned this position four months ago to be married. I paid my loan in May of the first year I taught. It was no hardship. That summer had a glorious two months in New York. Of course I was with relatives, but to go and come from New York to my home is not inexpensive. I would advise any Theta to take advantage of the Scholarship fund.

Cordially in Theta," _____

THETA NEWS

After the last luncheon of the Pittsburgh City Panhellenic groups of us gathered on a sunny porch with our ever-present knitting and discussed the old time rivalry and tense feeling of our college rushing days. We laughed as we each remembered times when the whole future existence of our chapter, almost of our fraternity, seemed to depend upon a freshman's answer to our invitation that she become one of our number! As we talked thus, looking back over the years that separated us from college, I wished that it were possible for the active college girls to get, at least in some measure, the same perspective and to feel toward rushing more as *alumnæ* do. In college we devote many hours and days to a nervous worry over rushees, time that might much better be used in other ways. Even more serious, too, than the time lost, is the feeling that results often between groups of girls. The other fraternity chapters are as important as our own, they are as "square" as we, and as suspicious of us when rushing rules are concerned as we are of them; though their badges vary in shape from ours their ideals as members of fraternities are probably very similar to our own and the girls in those other fraternity chapters very much like ourselves in their feelings and ambitions. Oh, college girls, don't lose your enthusiasms and your personal fraternity loyalties, but do learn to see the unimportance of even the finest freshman in her whole class as compared with the greater worthwhileness of a fine Panhellenic feeling!

Hope Davis Mecklin

The questions of extension are as interesting and important as ever. One class of colleges has been developing very rapidly of late years and now war-time needs will tend to make their growth still more pronounced. These are the agricultural colleges. The word agricultural as applied to them is, however, a misnomer; vocational would be a more descriptive name, for in these colleges women are studying to become bacteriologists, chemists, designers, dietitians, food experts, interior decorators, secretaries of various sorts, seed experts, social service workers, and so on. In very many states, also, better courses in art and music are offered in the agricultural colleges than in the state universities. More and more women are attending these colleges every year, local groups are organizing and applying for national charters, and many are applying to us; do we

not want some of them for chapters of our fraternity? Statistics compiled among our own chapters last year throw some interesting light on this matter of the trend toward vocational training: 47% only of these active Thetas were following a strictly arts course, 35% were taking a strictly vocational one, and the other 18% were taking preparatory courses for later professional training, courses that are offered both in the universities and in the agricultural colleges. These figures I quote merely to show that our university women are more and more taking the vocational work, for from that fact it seems fair to conclude that the so-called agricultural colleges are also attracting the type of girl whom we should like to see wearing our Theta badges.

The Service bureau has added two names to its list of alumnae advisers. It suggests that all advisers be consulted early in the college year rather than late so that their advice in selecting courses may prove of advantage to the undergraduates.

A chaperon exchange is a new department of the Service bureau and since the demand exceeded the supply this fall, names of possible chaperons for next year will be gratefully received by the chairman.

PLEASE MAKE ALL SCHOLARSHIP FUND CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE
"LOS ANGELES ALUMNÆ OF KAPPA ALPHA THETA"

We have just made four loans and have two others pending so you see that we are doing our very best to make the Scholarship fund vital.

Contributions to Scholarship Loan Fund from Convention

Stunt Party	\$ 41.10
Boat Ride	28.25
The "Kite"	119.45
Candy Sale (Service Bureau)	23.84
Extra souvenir pins	10.30
Miscellaneous75

\$223.69

Once upon a time, your Editor wrote an editorial upon Chapter letters. Then and there in black and white she promised never to do it again. But—as she faces the editorial problems of the year the Chapter letter problem seems large; still—she must keep her promise and so here in THETANEWS where she is expected to fill a certain number of lines each issue she will give you not her opinions but those of other editors to whom this problem also appeals. Lest you cooperating editors should miss the point she makes bold to add that "these are my sentiments too." Thank you!

In a good chapter a remiss correspondent will not be tolerated more than once or twice at the most. Neither will a slovenly letter be allowed to represent its ideals. When these letters came to the editor it gave a rather profound feeling of regret that conditions could be so bad in an individual chapter that a correspondent could neglect his duty without any attempt to excuse himself or the chapter to apologize for him.—*Phi Gamma Delta*.

Don't read letters of instruction carelessly. The letters asking for chapter pictures were sent out on February 1, requesting pictures in *March*, with names written on the backs. Many arrived, as you will see, with no names. *One* arrived in *March*.

Don't think that we are writing these for our own convenience. Omissions of this kind indicate a lack that will operate against you in whatever career you choose when you leave college. Get the habit of being businesslike.—K K I *Key*.

A chapter letter should be brief and to the point.

Omit information which is common to all chapters and to all years. Try to show some originality.

Letters should not be left until the last minute and hastily written, but should be prepared with some care and attention. The contents should give a brief summary of the important and interesting events of the half year as they relate to the three subjects before us of college, fraternity, and personal interest, followed perhaps by a list of new members and signed by the writer with his class numerals.

A chapter should be careful "not to work itself up into a high state of self-satisfaction and stagnation by reciting on every possible occasion all the wonderful deeds they are going to do." Tell what you have accomplished.—Δ K E—*Quarterly*.

This work is done by college women for a college publication and misspelled words and faulty English construction are unpardonable under such circumstances.

Please mail your manuscript in a long envelope, so that there are no crosswise folds in it.

I did read somewhere that "PanHellenic" had officially become "Panhellenic." Couldn't have been in the *Triangle* though, because we have had to change every single solitary one, in all the manuscripts for this issue.

Kerchoo! If you haven't had the Grippe you'll catch it from these chapter letters. Must have been an old-fashioned guy who perpetrated that—"Talk Health! The world is sad enough—etc."

Quotation marks! Thy name is anathema. We've blue-penciled two dozen at least. Honestly, we recognize jokes, college slang, and fraternity phrases on sight.

Nu remarks that the average college woman has no knowledge of current topics. Certainly not! it's expecting too much that girls should go to college for a real education. Remember it is over forty years since women had to struggle for the privilege of admittance!

Well, anyway Eta put in some Panhellenic news, real news, concerning the activities worth counting, of other sororities, yes, a few others skidded on a slippery place and mentioned a *social* event or two which was Greek.—Σ R *Triangle*.

WHAT MAKES THE EDITORS TAKE ASPIRIN!

Hast thou heard it? Listen! From the universe known as Greek, from the world known as Panhellenic, it cometh, even as the howl of a martyr, long unsuspected of protest, tried beyond even Hellic endurance! 'Tis the editors, ye frightened and unbelieving ones! Verily, the patient editor hath risen from his baffled composure and now maketh ready to blasphemously criticize that most unoffending and inoffensive contribution, the chapter letter! Unjust? Yea, verily! Unwarranted? Yea, truly! Premeditated? Yea, yea, and again, yea, for these many, many years!

In a body are they descending—these Greek editors—and if thou readest Greek journals, thou wilt see the strength and concentration of such long pre-meditated howl, ye Greek offenders! No longer doth the meek and lowly servant of the fraternity chockingly swallow, but swallow none the less, the bromidic chapter letter. Nay, he riseth in his weakness, and from endurance long abused, demandeth originality!

Of all sad words e'er read from pen,
The saddest are "We're back again,"
We plead for something new, and then—
"Of finest girls we've just pledged ten!"

"It is almost time for the Christmas holidays, and we are all busy studying for tests and getting ready to go home."

"The holidays are over, and now we are all bending assiduously over our books in preparation for 'finals'."

"Since our last letter, many things have happened for Omega."

"Christmas found every one in Sigma chapter ready for a vacation."

"Once again the semester is drawing to a close."

"What a great many things have happened since last you heard from us."

"Rushing was very successful this year."

"Tau has pledged five new girls—the loveliest that we know."

"A great many interesting things have happened at Hunter College since October."

"Christmas, with its merry whirl, has come and gone!"

"Since the opening of the fall term the days have been busy ones, indeed, for us."

"Vacation is over, and everyone is back hard at work on examinations."

"November 1 was a happy day for Rho, for it marked the close of a successful rushing season."

"The most important thing which happened to us was the visit of Miss Blank. We surely did enjoy her visit and hope she will come again soon."

"We are trying our best to settle down to scholastic duties after our round of holiday gaieties."

"We have started out in the New Year with a determination to make this year the most successful one of our existence."

"Now that football is over we are all recuperating for the Christmas holidays and the basketball season to come."

"We are proud to announce at this time that Brother —— has been elected captain of varsity football."

"The football season just past has been the third most successful in our history."

"As we look back over the rushing season, we cannot help but be pleased with its results."

"I suppose you have all been as busy as we have since we last wrote."

"We worked very hard in rushing this year, and were beautifully rewarded by eight splendid girls."

"I think I told you in my last letter how proud of our pledges we were; but we are more than proud of them now, we have time to know them all, and we love them—oh, so much!"

"We have two splendid new pledges to announce";

"We have two grand new pledges!"

"We pledged a mighty fine bunch of girls."

"Eta has been very busy since our last letter with school work, good times, and all the other things which go with college life."

"Home-coming has come and gone."

"Final examinations are holding the center of the stage just now."

"Football is now a thing of the past."

How long, or how persistently, hath $\Phi \Delta \Theta$'s editor howled, one knows not, but the *Scroll* is beginning to get a few hopeful results.— $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ *Scroll*, via *K \Delta Angelos*.

In analyzing the function and character of chapter letters, certain principles must be adopted as a basis of criticism and valuation. After some thought and study the editor arrived at the following credo on which he has attempted to get the best results possible from a very heterogeneous and widely scattered mass of material: First, to be read at all, chapter letters depend upon the prime requisite of interest.

That is, a letter must do more than merely state facts of news. The letter must have a point of view and if possible reflect the particular character of the chapter itself. This can be done by emphasizing those aspects of college life which are of deepest interest to the chapter and by giving expression to the opinions of the chapter on current problems.

Second, a chapter letter must deal with a subject which is interesting to all college men and not merely local. Such subjects are limited but can be found, however, with little difficulty. House management, chapter finances, rushing interfraternity relations, college customs, chapter regulations, scholarship, and many other topics are broad enough to appeal to most undergraduates and alumni who think at all.

At the same time a chapter letter should give a report of the accomplishments of the members and the activities of the college which bear upon the interests of the fraternity. The alumni notes and many of the special articles printed in the magazine cover the broad interests of the alumni. In the chapter letters themselves due space has been given to the routine affairs of each chapter, such as elections, pledging, honors, social events, and similar items of current news. There is at once a conflict between general interest and local interest, and the best way to meet this seems to be to devote certain letters to chapter news *per se*, and other letters to "feature" subjects. For that reason the experiment was made of calling for "feature" articles by the correspondents so that the important issues would be recounted without suffering the minor news to be neglected.

In the matter of form and style an attempt was made to obtain what is known as journalistic style, a modern innovation in literature demanding a summarized lead, terse statement without editorial color, and elaborated detail, usually in chronological order. One of the most serious defects of correspondents has been that they flower the news with unnecessary and conventional verbiage which, while proper enough, is so constantly reiterated and so obvious that it is a waste of space to print it.—*Phi Gamma Delta*.

What do Theta chapters think of "feature" chapter letters?

If you like the idea make your next letter a "feature" one.

First and Most Important. Don't blame the editor nor the publisher when the magazine is not on time. Blame the sister who puts off writing her material until the week or two after it is due.

Second. Please sign all manuscripts with name and chapter.

Third. And I write this almost tearfully—*please* write on the correct size of paper, on *only one side* and write legibly. Only this morning I received a chapter letter written on polite note paper—on all sides, and written in a sequence of pages that I had never seen before. It took me some minutes to find the first line! *Don't* waste another's time by your thoughtlessness and carelessness. It is just as easy for you to write material properly as improperly. And it is hard for the editor to rewrite your material. I know your thoughts as you write on all four sides of note paper. You think—"She can easily copy it to suit herself—only eight pages or so!" It sounds easy. But dear sisters, the editor is as busy as any of you without her editorial work. That takes much time and energy with no recompense but the joy of doing.

Fourth. Answer letters asking for material. If it is *no*, say it in time to silence the hope in the editor's brain that it may come later. Say yes or no.—A O II—*To Dragma.*

FIJIGRAMS

By Karl Lemmerman, Western Reserve, '08

Courtesy is a fraternity asset.

A live student has no dull moments.

Cooperation is the life of the fraternity.

Why not use the Golden Rule about the House?

An ounce of good spirit is worth a ton of knocks.

A chapter is only as strong as its weakest members.

Don't throw mud along the path your brother travels.

The two greatest fraternity evils—knocking and snobbishness.

Put chains on your temper and you'll not skid into trouble.

Lack of cooperation about the House, is like a toothless transmission.

The condition of a man's room usually shows the type of the man living in it.

When once you've lost the confidence of your brothers, you can't buy it back.

"What would become of the Fraternity, if all the fellows did as much for it as I do?"

Today's unanswered correspondence is a mortgage on today—send chapter letters in on time.

In "rushing," don't bank too much on appearances, for a furlined overcoat may hide a dirty shirt.

No Fiji ever lost anything by demonstrating that he was interested in the welfare of his Fraternity.

It surely is wonderful to notice where the boys have climbed, who, six or seven years ago, used to wait on table to get through school!

There is nothing more pitiful than a "fair" fraternity man—unless it's a "grad" who hasn't been at a Fiji doings since he left college.

THETA CONVENTION

Theta convention means to me certain definite things. Every convention, of course, differs somewhat from every other, and the "definite things" assume slightly different forms, but they are always there.

If, for instance, you start for convention, expecting all the comforts of home, you will be sadly disappointed. Perhaps the weather will be hot; you may lose your trunk; perchance you will be part of a famous Minnewaska "bath line," an inevitable result of one bathroom to a floor; you may see a Gherhart "dry day" when no one can wash at all, because for some reason best known to itself the water, which should be in the faucets, is not; or you may encounter a "Charlevoix mart"—"Food, food everywhere But how to get a bit."

If, however, you start for convention expecting to have one of the best times you ever had in your life, you will not be disappointed. Those of us who were fortunate enough to be at the Pasadena convention, had a surprise every day. One morning in the lobby of the hotel, a huge table heaped with luscious strawberries awaited us, compliments of the hotel management. And every day we were entertained by our hostesses, who opened their homes to us, and worked their good Theta husbands, who in turn worked their friends, with the happy result that we were taken on automobile rides, made moonlight trips up mountain peaks, and watched a charming historical pageant of California. The last three conventions have been in secluded places away from big cities, so that the character of our good times necessarily has been different but our hostess chapters have provided whatever entertainment the locality afforded, boat rides, drives, surf bathing, picnics, and away from the the distractions of a big city we have had more time just to get acquainted, which after all is what we enjoy most. Also wherever we are we are always sure of two good entertainments, a song fest, which has grown from a bedraggled affair to a clever song competition, contest, and a stunt party which is no longer a feeble attempt to be funny but is as clever and finished a performance as one could find anywhere behind the foot light.

A Theta convention today is also a splendid example of efficiency. In this respect, particularly, each convention has been better than the last. I can remember when some of the sessions dragged or when the discussions would somehow get off the subject and stay off for some time before anyone realized it, but now there are no stupid meetings, no wasted time. The opening session, messages from chapters, no longer consists of a separate talk from each delegate. Interesting as these talks used to be they did grow monotonous. Now the chapters of each district give a stunt which conveys a message of interest to the whole fraternity. Similarly every other session is definitely

planned. Topics to be discussed have been sent previously to the chapters, so that the delegates come together with definite ideas to exchange. Each topic for discussion is presented to convention at large by a Theta who has prepared her material into a concise logical speech. At every convention, I am more impressed even awed by the mentality and ability of our Thetas. And again, the round tables and other various meetings have become more and more helpful. But in addition to the regular routine business of the fraternity each convention lately has had some one main topic for discussion. At the Pasadena convention the Scholarship Fund was put firmly upon its feet and its future assured. At Minnewaska the wave of anti-fraternity feeling sweeping the country and imperilling our very existence, gave rise to a comprehensive survey of fraternities as a whole and ourselves in particular. We checked up our strength and our weakness and made plans so that in the future our opponents could have no ground for criticism. And this year, when we found ourselves in the midst of a great world crisis and called upon to do our bit, we realized we were more than a part of college life. We were a part of the world and organized and able to respond to the call upon us made by the world.

And last of all but greatest convention always means inspiration. It brings the inspiration radiated by any group of alert, busy, active, live people. If things have been moving slowly for you, if you have been inactive or asleep, you suddenly realize you are to blame, not the world, and you are overcome with the desire again to be doing things. If you have been a back slider in your interest and your loyalty to Theta you find yourself suddenly jerked into place again. You depart from convention filled anew with the realization of the bigness, the vitality of Theta ideals and the potency of that wonderful intangible something, Theta spirit.

Georgianna Gilbert Hess

The N. P. C. closed with a Panhellenic luncheon to which came fraternity alumnae from all over Chicago and undergraduate fraternity members from Northwestern. Four hundred were present to hear the inspiring address of Miss Harriet Vittum, chairman Women's committee National council for defense for Illinois. Watch for this address in our next issue!

CHAPTER NEWS

ALPHA—DE PAUW UNIVERSITY

No letter received—Oct. 12, 1917

BETA—INDIANA UNIVERSITY

No letter received—Oct. 12, 1917

Married, June 20, Florence Haupt and Harry C. Uhl. Address: Rickard Apts. 791 Albany st. Schenectady, N. Y.

GAMMA—BUTLER COLLEGE

No letter received—Oct. 12, 1917

Born to Mr and Mrs F. B. Davenport on May 4, 1917, a daughter, Katherine Louise.

DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

No letter received—Oct. 12, 1917

ETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Eta's ranks are considerably thinner this year, for these twelve seniors graduated in June: Mildred Morse, Margaretta Douglas, Dorothea Warren, Dorothy Diss, Mae Patterson, Ethel Hosmer, Helen Pratt, Marguerite Risedorph, Clara Jones, Mildred Crissey, Gladys Lynch, and Helen Feldcamp. Phi Beta Kappa honors were won by Helen Pratt.

Commencement exercises were unusually impressive, especially the presentation of diplomas to the soldiers and sailors amid much cheering and applause. President Hutchins stated that two hundred to three hundred seniors were not present because they were giving service to their country.

Those of us who went to convention find it hard to tell how wonderful it was, but we hope that other members of the chapter will catch the spirit and go next time to reap the benefits we all gained. Perhaps it was particularly important to us, for our own Cornelia Clark was initiated there. Eta was well represented by Myra Post Cady (Mrs. W. B.) '95, Alice Wadsworth '95, Charlotte Leavitt '99, Maud Philips '01, Elizabeth Williams '10, Gussie Bookmeyer '11, Bertha Ballard '11-ex, Josephine Davis '12, Gladys Vedder '12, Annie Williams '15, Margaret Armstrong '15, Helen Pratt '17, Doris Porter

'18, Edith Harvey '18, Constance Winchell '18, Florence Orwig '18, Aileen Brush '18, Mary J. Tinsman '18, Amy Elliott '19, Katherine Davis '19, Dorothy Williams '20.

Cercle Francais gave *Les Pattes de Monche*, in which Doris Porter took part.

Margaret Atkinson was elected to *Wyvern*, the honorary junior girls' society.

Margaretta Douglas won the university women's tennis championship again. She has held it three out of her four years in college.

The Junior girls' play which is an annual spring event, written entirely by the members of the class, was a decided success. Etas who took part were: Amy Elliott, Lucile Crissey, Katherine Davis, Edith Harvey, and Aileen Brush.

Rushing this year will be a joy with our new house in which to entertain. We are more than a little proud of it.

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Aileen Brush

'09 Nell Kellar is teaching in Omaha, Neb. Address: Brownell hall.

'10 Elizabeth Williams has announced her engagement to Thomas Maybury Weber.

'14 The marriage of Ellen Earle Riggs to Stratford Douglas '13, Trigon, took place in Ann Arbor, Aug. 4. Address: 258 W. Kirby av. Detroit.

'14 Margaret Irving was married to James J. Wallace, Aug. 29. Mr. Wallace is in the service at the cantonment at Petersburg, Va.

'14 Emma Heath was married to Warren Vaughn, June 21.

'14-ex Lois Douglas Weaver (Mrs Frank) has a young son born Sept. 26.

'14 Evelyn Roos visited us in the spring.

'15 Genevieve Riggs Thom (Mrs W. B.) is the mother of a daughter, Janet Hines, born Aug. 7.

'16 Helen Baker was married to Charles Taft, Jr., Δ T Δ, in June. Address: 100 Williams St., New York City.

'16 Muriel Tyson was married to Frederick Parsons '16 in July.

'16-ex Florence E. Wilson was married to Ralph Lester Colton, May 21. At home cards read 116 Danfair Road, Ardmore, Pa.

'17-ex Dorothy Bastin Brotherton (Mrs Wilbur) has a son, Wilbur Edson, born in June.

'17-ex Olivia Williams has announced her engagement to Charles Davis.

'17 Margaret Vogle (Vassar) has returned for graduate work.

'17 Dorothea Warren delighted us by coming back for rushing this fall.

'17 Mae Patterson has announced her engagement to Clarence Ufer '16,

Σ N.

'17 Mildred Crissey's engagement to Dean De Butts, Z Ψ, has been announced. She is teaching at Albion, Ill.

'17 Clara Jones is teaching in Toledo and living at home.

'17 Marguerite Risedorph is at home and is taking a business course.

'17 Gladys Lynch is teaching at Birmingham, Mich. Address: 509 Southfield av.

'17 Mildred Morse is doing clerical work in Judge Foster's office in Chicago. Address: 5503 Hyde Park Blvd. Apt. 1.

'17 Helen Pratt's present address is 4611 Ludlow st. Apt. B, Philadelphia, Pa.

'17 Margaretta Douglas, Dorothea Warren, Dorothy Diss, Mae Patterson, Ethel Hosmer, and Helen Feldcamp are all at their home addresses.

'18 Doris Porter has announced her engagement to James A. Person, Dartmouth, A Δ Φ.

'19-ex Amy Elliott has announced her engagement to Victor Jose, University of Michigan '12, Δ T. We are sorry Amy will not be in college this year, but, fortunately for us, she is back for rushing.

'19 Emma Riggs is with us again after spending a year at Elmira, N. Y.

We shall greatly miss Helen Balz '19, who is attending Butler this year.

'19-ex Fanny Brown was married to Francis Pearce, Φ Δ Φ, University of Texas. Address: 700 7th st. Ballinger, Tex.

'19-ex Rowena Bastin was married to Kenneth Bennett, Aug. 4, at Bay View. Address: 211 S. Kenilworth av. Oak Park, Ill.

The celebration of Alumnae day is one of Eta's cherished customs. We enjoyed having so many come back to spend the day with us on June 3. Those who came were: Myra Post Cady (Mrs W. B.) '95, Grace Moore Walser (Mrs J. J.) '01, Charlotte Bissel '03, Leona Belser '08, Elizabeth Williams '10, Agnes Carpenter '11-ex, Ellen Earle Riggs Douglas (Mrs Stratford) '14, Stella Ruth Boston (Mrs O. W.) '14. We had supper on the lawn.

The chapter extends its deepest sympathy to Leona Belser '08 whose father died in September.

IOTA—CORNELL UNIVERSITY

Cornell, under real war conditions, has opened with a nearly normal registration and a slight increase in the number of entering girls. Iota is starting the year with twenty members, sixteen of whom are living in the "new" Theta house on Wyckoff avenue. It is much larger and more adequate than last year's house and we are so thankful to have had it ready to go into at the opening of college and to have it available for rushing. All the Iotas who lived through last fall's homeless and chaotic state will join in our rejoicing. Our chaperon is to be Mrs. Guy McCutcheon of Buffalo, after November 1; in the meantime Mrs. Skinner, Winifred's mother, from Rochester is chaperoning us.

Six Thetas graduated last June: Editha Smith, Amy Luce, Madeline Church, Winifred Romer, Elizabeth Rowlee, and Helen Tiebout. The number of seniors to receive degrees was much diminished and the Senior Week events were greatly simplified. The Baccalaureate sermon was delivered by Rev. C. W. Gilkey of Chicago, a brother of Gladys Gilkey. The Women's dramatic club presented *King Rene's daughter*, in which two of our members, Winifred Romer and M. K. Church took part.

After college came convention. Only one active Iota was present beside the delegate, Katherine Rodger, and these two are only too anxious, after the first busy days are over, to imbue the rest of the chapter with the splendid spirit and enthusiasm which they could not help but bring back from Charlevoix.

Rushing this year is of four weeks duration, with Pledge-day October 30. The rules are very strict and Panhellenic feeling is not what it should be. Two new fraternities have been admitted to Panhellenic: Kappa Delta, and Chi Omega.

Among the honors received by Thetas are the election of Reba Beard as president of Outside houses and the election of both Reba and Katherine Coville to the women's senior honorary society, Der Hexenkreis. Reba has also been a member of a judiciary committee which sits in connection with cases coming before Student government.

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Elsie S. Church

'09 Mrs J. R. Schramm (Mildred Spargo), A I, has moved to University av. Ithaca.

'09 Mrs R. W. Sailor (Queenie Horton) is living in Ithaca. Her address is 117 Oak av.

'11 Theodora Dickerson was married in June to Hector Stuart Young. Address: Kensington pl. Marion, Ohio.

'12 Margaret Mandeville Warner's address for this winter will be care of Amer. Zinc & Chem. Co., Langloth, Pa.

'13 Born to Mr and Mrs James G. Scott (Marie Beard), a daughter, Nellie in Aug.

'13 Born to Mr and Mrs George E. Saunders (Katherine Potts) a second son on July 7.

'13 Born to Mr and Mrs K. C. Livermore (Madeline Avery) of Ithaca, a son, Ray, in May.

'14-ex Born to Dr and Mrs C. W. Webb (Susan Bontecou) of Clifton Springs, a son, Burton, on June 26.

'14 Ruth Bayer is teaching in the high school in Toledo. She came to Ithaca on an auto trip in Sept.

'15 Helen Bennett is in training at Bellevue hospital, New York city.

'15 Mildred Watt is teaching in Buffalo. Her address is 360 Norwood av.

'16 Born to Dr and Mrs W. F. Lee (Ruth MacClelland) of Ithaca, a daughter, Elizabeth, on Aug. 29.

'16-ex Helen Carmalt attended the Cornell summer session.

'16 Invitations have been sent out for the wedding of Iris Bassett and Stanley Coville '15, Δ T, which will take place on Oct. 11 in Rochester. Among the attendants will be Katherine Coville '18, Elizabeth Rowlee '17, and Jean Holmes '16.

'17 Announcement was made last spring of the engagement of Elizabeth Rowlee to Arthur Lobdell '16, Δ X A. Betty is in Ithaca this year and is working in the Domestic science department as a clerk in the N. Y. State food conservation commission.

'17 Amy Luce is teaching in Roslyn, L. I.

'17 Madeline Church is teaching in New York at the Rehearsal club.

'17 Winifred Romer is in training at St. Luke's hospital in New York city.

'18 Reba Beard has been made a member of the honorary society, Sedowa.

'19 Dorothy Ashley is with us again after a year in Vanderbilt university where she was the first affiliate of A H.

'19 Gladys Gilkey and Louise Baker were of the Cornell Y. W. C. A. delegation sent to Silver Bay this summer.

'19 Ellen Mark attended Cornell summer session.

Jean Ralph, Ruth Millard, Eleanor Willingmyre, and Marjorie McKinley were unable to return this fall.

KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

No letter received—Oct. 12, 1917

LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

College opened October 10 without a president. Dr. Guy Potter Benton was called for service by the National war work council of the Young Men's Christian associations with the American soldiers in France and sailed in September. During his absence, Prof. G. H. Perkins, Dean of the college of arts and sciences, will be acting-president.

The War department has once more honored the university with classification as one of the three "distinguished" colleges in New England. Of these three only Harvard university and the University of Vermont are ranked as of A grade in scholarship. The Reserve officers' training corps will be continued this year with Major Harry A. Leonhaeuser as Commandant and Professor of military science and tactics. The university has also a training camp for Signal corps men. Future "Wig-Waggers" are prominent on the campus.

Altogether, we girls of Lambda have reason to be proud of our university. But we have good things to tell you about ourselves, too. Founders'-day, May 1, Mary Bishop '20 won the first prize of \$25 at the Julia Spear prize reading. Elections to Akraia, the women's senior honorary society, included two Thetas, Bessie Reynolds '18 and Helen Hall '18. Dorothy Lawrence '19 won the first prize at the summer school singing contest.

Many alumnae came back commencement week to attend June Spread. It seemed as though they had come to take from us our seven seniors. But we, knowing that our loss was their gain, rejoiced like Pollyanna of fiction and welcomed them with smiling faces.

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Helen Mott Hall

'10 Married, March 28, Clara Bond to Norman W. Mitchell. Address: Somerville, Mass.

'15 In August, Ethel B. Jackson was married to Lieut. Harold E. Brailey, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, '17. Lieut. Brailey is stationed at Camp Devens, Ayer, Mass.

'15 Bernardine Kimball Simonds (Mrs. Ralph W.) was in Burlington this summer.

'15-ex Marjorie Read Grandy (Mrs Daniel R.) spent the summer in Essex Junction, Vt.

'16 On Sept. 11, Helen Rutter was married to Dr T. Lawrence Hills, $K \Sigma, \Sigma \Xi$, '13. Address: Moscow, Idaho.

'16-ex Dorothy Votey has returned to college to finish her course this year.

'16 Constance Votey has a secretarial position with the Boston hospital unit in France.

'16 Ruth Grandy is teaching in Hyde Park.

'16 Thetas enjoyed a house party this summer at Malletts Bay, Vt.

'17 Elizabeth Baker has a position with the Western electric company in New York.

'17 Helen Chapin is teaching in Jeffersonville, Vt.

'17 Helen Dewey is at her home in South Royalton, Vt.

'17 Pearl Grandy is assistant supervisor of home economics in the Burlington public schools.

- '17 Edith Holdstock is attending the Burlington business college.
 '17 Ruby Howe has a scholarship in the Women's educational and industrial union in Boston.
 '17 Jennie Maxfield is doing work in home economics in Hartford, Conn.
 '19 Elizabeth Smith attended the Y. W. C. A. conference at Silver Bay, N. Y. this summer.
 '20 We regret that Rachel Ward will not be with us this year. She is at home working in her father's office.

MU—ALLEGHENY COLLEGE

Since Allegheny college did not open until October 2, freshman news must come later.

Instead of having a formal party last spring, we gave \$75 to Red Cross work. We, as did many of the girls, devoted some time each week to this work.

According to a new method of assigning class honors which has recently been adopted by the college, those students who have all A grades receive the honor *Summa Cum Laude*, those with an A average and no mark below B receive *Magna Cum Laude*, those with an A average and no mark below C receive *Cum Laude*. From the seniors, Katherine Carew, Mildred Richey, Elizabeth Sykes, and Agnes Robinson won *Cum Laude*; Norene Saxton, a junior, won *Magna Cum Laude*; Virginia Lewis, a sophomore, also received *Magna Cum Laude*; Susan Jenkins and Helen Miller, freshmen, were awarded *Summa Cum Laude*.

Pledge-day is November 9. A new system, the preferential bidding system, has been adopted. It is thought by this system, much of the hard feeling arising from cross invitations can be avoided. The rushing rules are much the same as last year with the exception that printed rules will not be given to the freshmen.

We now have twenty girls in our chapter. Seven of our number, Agnes Smith, Lilian Fetzner, Mary Flahavan, Katherine Carew, Mildred Richey, Agnes Robinson, and Elizabeth Sykes graduated last year. On class day Mildred was the Optimist and Agnes Robinson gave the Ladder Oration. Mildred was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

We announce a new member, Vesta Johnson, '19, who was initiated June 1.

18 September 1917

Mary K. Arnold

Mu extends her sympathy to Emma Edson Breed (Mrs Robert S.) who was called to Meadville by the death of her father, Aug. 28.

The following alumnae were here during commencement week: Marguerite Shelmadine '12, Gay Kellogg '14, Rachel Smith Newlin '14, Agnes McMahon '15, Blanche Taylor '16, Alice Hawkey '16-ex.

'17 Agnes Smith, '18 Janet Simcox, '18 Ruth Brumbaugh, '18 Adelaide Singley, '19 Olevia Widdowson, '19 Mary Arnold attended convention.

Among those who visited at our Kappa Alpha Theta cottage, on Lake Erie, this summer were: Josephine Bates Webb '00-ex, Marion Sackett Bates '03-ex, Helen Anderson, Ruth Townley '03, Nelle Merrill Fitzgerald '07-ex, Florence Gravel Miller '08, Grace Miller '10, Lottie Hammett '10, Bess Metcalf '11,

Marguerite Shelmadine '12, Beulah Gravel Thomas '13, Clara Hutchinson Custer '13, Mary Sansom Jones '14, Margaret Yingling Lange '14-ex, Muza Anchors '14, Rachel Smith Newlin '14, Agnes McMahon '15, Marion Miller '16, Katherine Carew '17, Agnes Smith '17, Agnes Robinson '17, Florence Peterson '18-ex, Ruth Brumbaugh '18, Elizabeth Carew '20, Dorcas Hall '20, Susan Jenkins '20, Harriet Dunn '20, Doris Gamble '20.

'13 Beulah Gravel was married to Robert T. Thomas '12, Σ A E, on Sept. 4.

'13 Born to Mr and Mrs W. D. Dotterrer (Dorothy Sansom) a daughter, Dorothy Dane, Aug. 13.

'14 Gertrude Hammond was married to Walter Murry in June.

'14 Rachel Smith was married to Edwin B. Newlin '16-ex, Φ K Ψ, on Sept. 1.

'14 Muza Anchors has accepted a business position in Warren, Pa.

'15 Born to Mr and Mrs Paul Johnston (Dorothea Abrams) a son, Aug. 22.

'15 Margaret Simpson was a student in Columbia university during the summer.

'15-ex Born to Mr and Mrs O. T. Lange (Margaret Yingling) a daughter, Eleanor Burton, April 3.

'16 Blanche Taylor is teaching in Tidioute.

'16-ex Faye Neale was married to George Smith during the summer.

'17 Agnes Smith is teaching in the junior high school at Chanute, Kan.

'17 Mary Flahavan is teaching at Mayville, N. Y.

'17 Lilian Fetzter is teaching in Kendall college, Tulsa, Okla.

'17 Mildred Richey is teaching English in the high school at Irwin.

'19-ex Esther Averill is spending the winter with her grandmother in Creskill, N. Y.

'19-ex Gladys Douds is teaching near Allegany, N. Y.

'95 Clara Campbell is engaged in relief work in France.

RHO—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

The year began very auspiciously for Rho, with the pledging on September 15 of five girls: Clare Curry of Denison, Iowa; Mildred Smith of Polk, Orpah Carmean of Chadron; Sarah Ladd of Lincoln, and Luella Patt of Creston, Iowa. Orpah is a sister of Ermine, '18. Sarah Ladd is the daughter of our beloved Mrs. Ladd, one of Rho's charter members and most active alumnae. She graduated from Wellesley last year and at her initiation into Rho will be the fourth Theta daughter active in this chapter. On September 29, Ethel Kingsley of Minden, a sister of Susanna Kingsley, Psi, and Jeanette Miller of Lincoln were pledged.

On five attractive rushing parties, all given at the "House," Rho spent only \$42 out of \$50, the limit set by Panhellenic council, and consequently Rho feels quite elated.

Rho welcomes Margaret Howes, '20, of Alpha Iota.

We miss our last year's seniors, Sarah Weston, Emily Cox, Louise Coe, and Dorothy Wallace. Both Louise and Dorothy won Phi Beta Kappa honors. Eva Miller, '18, was chosen Black Masque, the senior girls' honorary society.

Rho is fortunate in having Mrs. Stivers as chaperon again this year.

Nebraska girls are "getting acquainted" with their new Dean of women, Miss Amanda Heppner, formerly professor of Germanic lan-

guages. She has taken the place of Dean May Graham, who was married in the summer.

The botany and zoology students are rejoicing in their fine new building, Bessey hall. Chemistry hall, the "twin" building, will soon be finished.

The first Girls' club party, held annually in honor of the freshmen, was very successful. It was attended by five hundred girls.

On September 29, the freshmen of Kappa Kappa Gamma entertained the freshmen of all the other women's fraternities.

Mary Helen Allensworth

'17 Lula Mae Coe is Y. W. C. A. house secretary at Duluth, Minn.

'17 Sally Weston is teaching at Newman Grove, Neb.

'17 Emily Cox is teaching at Stanton, Neb.

'18-ex Anne Schafer is attending the University of Chicago.

'18 Marjorie Eloise Martin was married to Lieut. Charles Clarke Younggreen, Φ K Ψ, in Aug. She is in Lincoln after spending some time at her husband's post in Toronto.

'18-ex Frances Ringler was married to Carroll Brown, July 31.

'19-ex Leota Simms was married to Mr Otto Sept. 6.

'20-ex Jean Preece is teaching this year.

'19-ex Mary Steele is teaching in the high school at Seward, Neb.

'05 Born to Mr and Mrs Day (Edith Robbins) a son.

'12 Born to Mr and Mrs Carl Modisitte, a son.

The following alumnae were back for rushing: Marien Swezey, Maurine McAdam Temple, Louise Coe, Bernice Borchers, Emily Cox, Dorothy Lynn, Mary Steele.

'18-ex Helen Guima was a week-end visitor at the house.

Dena Loomis Gere (Mrs Guy S.) a charter member of Rho died last spring.

'19-ex Bernice Borchers is teaching at Nebraska City.

Mr and Mrs Vicor Jeep (Augusta Houston) have moved to Omaha.

'07 Zola Dellecker Gantt (Mrs R. H.) is now living at 3645 Harriet av. Minneapolis, Minn.

Julia Hainer O'Connor has moved from Washington, D. C. to Berkeley, Cal.—2508 Vine st.

SIGMA—UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

Just a year ago Sigma was marshalling her forces for the annual battle with perhaps less enthusiasm than ever chapter felt. In the greyness of that darkest hour it was inevitable that all the uses of rushing should seem unutterably "weary, stale, flat, and unprofitable," inevitable, too, that Sigma should feel herself solitary in this new attitude. The past year has brought keen individual pain, but on the whole relief, and new hope, and Sigma, no longer "dreeing her weird" alone, can throw herself into the struggle of rushing with something like the old zest. Simplicity, of course, must still be the key-note of our parties, but that is rather a stimulus than an obstacle.

House party last May, again at De Grassi Point on Lake Simcoe, anticipated a toilsome summer by fostering a taste for thirty-mile walks and heavy digging. Munition factories, farms (fruit or mixed), a diversity of labour claimed the summer months—a fact

which may in part account for the vim and freshness with which we have come to our old problems. Much courage, too, we have gained from the delightful circumstance that all the seniors of last year have contrived to take up winter quarters in Toronto. As for convention, we have as yet heard of it only in snatches—sufficient indeed to make us wish that more of us had been there—what heart shall be given us by the whole tale remains to be hoped for.

2 October 1917

Elsie Graham

'04 Norah Thomson has been doing library work in Sault St. Marie and is now in Toronto for two months at the Library school.

'06 Lee Edward, M.D. has been appointed surgeon at the Hospital for the crippled and ruptured, New York.

'07 Margaret Anderson returned from Ceylon in May.

'07 Alberta Bastedo Coutts has been in Ottawa visiting her parents.

'08 Jessie Barber is a dietitian in the Military hospital, Montreal.

'09 Ida Carpenter Perry is teaching in the school for professional's children, New York.

'09-ex Jessie McCurdy was married on Aug. 28 to Warren Hayward Burnet of Madison, N. J.

'09 Edith Atkin is efficiency secretary in one of the large departmental stores of Toronto.

'10 Olive MacKay is student secretary for the Toronto district of the Y. W. C. A.

'12 Blanche Steele is taking a six months' course in massage in the military college, Toronto.

'13 Alice Anderson has returned to college to finish her course in medicine.

'14 Mary Millman is Assistant head worker at the Central neighborhood house.

'14 Daintry Martin is teaching classics in Brockville high school.

'14 Jean Tom is working in a bank in Toronto.

'15 Lois McPhedran was married on July 25 to W. Kaspar Fraser.

'15 Marjory Fraser was married to the Rev. J. Mutch on Aug. 31.

'15 Mildred Macpherson is teaching at Havergal college.

'16 Phyllis Anderson is teaching at Branksome hall.

'16 Fanny Storey has gone home to Wawanessa.

'16 Marjorie Ross is secretary to the president of Western university, London.

'16 Helen McMillan is on the editorial staff of the *Advertiser*, London.

'17 Helen Mackay and Elizabeth Hargreaves are teaching at Havergal college.

'17 Erskine Keys is picking fruit at the Government camp at Beamsville.

'17 Marjorie Reid has been awarded a fellowship in the history department of the University of Toronto.

'17 Adeline Lobb is working in munitions.

'17 Agnes Muldrew is a demonstrator in biochemistry in the University of Toronto.

TAU—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Northwestern opened its fall term with freshman and sophomore classes of normal size, but the two upper classes are noticeably depleted in numbers. Three hundred and eighty Northwestern men are seeing active government service, many at home, many abroad. Northwestern university has furnished a Young Men's Christian association unit and a base hospital unit, which are serving abroad,

and also an Ambulance unit. Many faculty members, too, are gone. The girls of the university are bound to do their part in the national crisis, and a Red Cross room under the supervision of a director from Red Cross headquarters is to be opened on the campus very shortly, and work will go on all day.

The university today is better equipped than ever before. The university's preparatory school was discontinued last spring, and the building is being used for college classes. The Young Women's Christian association has more commodious and attractive headquarters and the Self-government association has an office in University hall and also a most comfortable restroom. Two bronze statues, representing Fortitude and Wisdom, the gifts of Mr. James A. Patten, have been placed on the pedestals in front of the gymnasium.

Military training has been made compulsory for the men, and Lieutenant Lang, of the Canadian army, who has seen two years of service in France is in charge of the drills. University credit is now given for courses in First aid, home nursing, and dietetics.

Tau announces the following pledges: Louise Barrett, Dorothy Carney, Joyce Copper, Frances Larsen, Evanston; Pauline Fera, Gloria Forbrick, May Lamb, Chicago; Edith Ball, Oak Park; Mary Clayton, Aurora; Lois Elwood, Menominee, Michigan; Nell Keith, Indianapolis, Indiana; Eleanor Mathias, Maquoketa, Iowa; Marion Metcalf, Detroit, Michigan; Helen Rockwell, Colorado Springs, Colorado; Mrs. Alan Sharpe, River Forest; Mary Elizabeth Torrance, Pontiac.

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Imogen S. Voorhees

'17 Ruth Austin is teaching in Antigo, Wis.

'17 Mary Katherine Voorhees is teaching in Pontiac, Ill.

'17 Helen Carney is working in the university library.

'17 Millicent Turnock is working in the registrar's office.

'17 Rene Murray is teaching in Hebron, Ill.

'17 Edna Johnson is doing playground work in Chicago.

'17 Frances Keith is at home in Indianapolis, Ind.

'17 Norma Cullen is going to a Chicago secretarial school.

'17 Helen Forbes is teaching in Salem, Ill.

'16 Genevieve Forbes received her master's degree from the University of Chicago and is teaching in Waterloo, Iowa.

'17-ex 'Born to Mr and Mrs Julian Brooks (Louise Sprague) a daughter, Virginia Louise, on Aug. 7.

'16 Jeanette Gemmill and Lieut. Bligh Grasett, Φ K Ψ , were married on Aug. 18. Address: Rockford, Ill.

'14 Ruth Hurt has a position with Row, Peterson, and Co. in Chicago.

'17 Mary Katherine Voorhees won the Michigan state tennis championship in singles and doubles, the Chicago tennis club doubles, and the Edgewater Beach singles and doubles. All were for the Red Cross.

'19 Elizabeth McEachran is attending Rockford college this year.

'15 Dorothy Martin has announced her engagement to Donald Nicholls, A Δ Φ .

'17 Edna Johnson was voted the most popular girl in her class; Rene Murray was voted the class peach.

- '17 Ruth Austin was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.
- '17 Helen Carney won final honors in Greek.
- '18 Barbara Abel received junior honors.
- '19 Isabella Harkness is chairman of the Woman's building committee.
- '18 Imogen Voorhees is vice-president of the Self-government association.
- '17 Grace Goodman is teaching in the Evanston public schools.
- '15 Born to Mr and Mrs Dick Dyer (Mabel Keig), a son, in June.
- '18 Elinor Foster was a councilor in Wyongonic camp in Maine.
- '18 Elsie Goettler was a councilor in a girl's camp in New Hampshire.
- '19 Kathleen Row and Gladys Bell are in college after a semester's absence.
- '18 Imogen Voorhees is a member of the Student council.
- '18 Lucille Moore is chairman of the Social committee of the Y. W. C. A.

UPSILON—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

The writer has spent an arduous summer as the assistant society editor on the *Duluth News Tribune*. She has had society news to spare—about other people. Theta news has come in fragments from the visitors here. Returning from convention with joyful news, gossip and side-lights on the convention, came Mary Martin, Upsilon's president, Margaret Dill, and Florence Dale. They had a wonderful trip up old Lake Superior on a luxurious steamer and their companions were Martha Cline Huffman, our Grand Treasurer, who was only here between boat and train, and Mr. Martha (though the very nice masculinity of the gentleman makes that an unfair characterization) and two other Thetas. We Duluthions did our best to entertain them, and after a luncheon at the Glass Block where we hastily gathered all of the clan, divided the three remaining between us younger girls and had some wonderful slumber parties.

When Fort Snelling closed its first officers' training camp, several Upsilon girls became brides of the newly graduated officers.

Helen Knowlton, after the war is over will come to Duluth as the wife of Lieut. Lawrence Jaques, Sigma Chi. Their marriage took place Aug. 25, and they are at Des Moines at present where Lieut. Jaques is stationed.

Dorothy Gaver became the bride of Hartman Henry Goetze, Phi Delta Theta, also on Aug. 25. Mr. Goetze is in the service of the Engineering corps of the war department at Washington where they are making their home this winter.

September 29 is the date set for the marriage of Lucile Boyeson to Lieut. Carl Gaver, Sigma Chi. They will also join the colony of newly married officers and their wives at Fort Dodge, Des Moines.

Katharine F. Birch

Ellen Goodrich, our faithful editor, will not return to college this year as her health is very poor.

Maud Briggs has accepted the position as Y. W. C. A. secretary at the University of South Dakota.

Edith Cotton and Frances Mix of Minneapolis were the guests of Dorothy McKay of Duluth on week-end visits, this summer.

Margaret Dill will teach this year at Monona, Minn.

Ruth Dale will teach at Mora, Minn.

Margaret Cotton will teach at Le Mars, in the history department.

Alice Harker will also teach in Le Mars, her home town.

Dorothy McKay will not return to college this year on account of illness in her family.

Mrs K. D. Hawkrige visited her parents in Minneapolis in May, and was among the alumnae who remembered Upsilon's chest of linens.

Word has been received of the death of Grace Barker Evans (Mrs. George). She is survived by her husband and two children.

'08 Perrie Jones who has been in the New York public library is sailing for France where she is to do Y. W. C. A. work in Paris.

PHI—STANFORD UNIVERSITY

In spite of the talk of Camp Fremont interfering with the re-opening of Stanford university, the university is now opened and in full swing.

Many changes have occurred this fall, to be sure; foremost, perhaps, is the vacancy in the president's chair left by Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, now in Washington, D. C., as an assistant of Herbert C. Hoover of the Food administration. The vacancy is to be filled by Prof. Charles D. Marx whose wife and daughter are both Thetas.

A new library for the university has been started and a new women's dormitory is just being completed, which will accommodate all girls in the university not living at home or in fraternity houses.

Summer rushing has been carried on through the unusually long vacation—the long vacation due to the introduction of the new four quarter system and the university not opening till October 1.

Two weeks of concentrated rushing, a week before and a week after matriculation day, is the rushing season for this year. Preferential bidding is to be again used and rushing dates are limited to twelve hours instead of twenty-four as in previous years.

Phi has grown so large that an annex has been added to accommodate all the girls.

A new housemother, Mrs. Gillepsie, is another new addition to Phi.

Alberta Marx of Palo Alto has been pledged, special dispensation having been granted because she is a Theta sister and daughter.

Elizabeth Elliott, '20

'16-'18 Margery Curry and Mary Curry are attending Columbia university. Address: Heathcote Apts. 609 W. 114th st. New York.

Dorothy Albrecht is also at Columbia.

'18 Nancy Lee Williard has returned to Stanford after a semester's absence.

'16 Elizabeth Edwards was married to Harrison John Ryan '16, Σ X.

'15 Lydia Margaret Locke was married to Sidney Walker '15, Beta Theta Pi on June 7.

'15 Geraldine Le Fetra was married to Frank Olmsted '15, Delta Upsilon, Sept. 12.

'12 Katharine Graham was married to Donald Palmer of Pomona college.

'15-ex Born to Gladys Briggs Cluff in July, a daughter, Barbara Jane.

'10 Florence Burrell formerly of the physical culture department of Stanford is now attending Wellesley for advanced degree in physical culture.

'15 Hazel Green is attending the Y. W. C. A. secretarial school in New York. Address: 600 Lexington av.

'17 The engagement of Katherine Cottle to Lieut. William Gibbon '17, Sigma Phi, Cornell, was announced on July 19.

'16 Florence Stewart is teaching at Miss Harker's school, Palo Alto.

'16 The engagement of Nora Krepps to Beverly Woolwine of Los Angeles has been announced.

'16 Katharine Hutchinson is teaching at Harker's.

Agnes Hutchins was married to Mark Martin Matthiessen, July 28.

CHI—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Now that the first rush of opening college has subsided and there is time to reflect upon all that has taken place in one week, we cannot help feeling justly proud. Our pledge pins, upon a Theta daughter, a Theta niece, four Theta sisters, and seven other wonderful girls, make us feel fully repaid for all the work and anxiety which rushing necessitates.

We feel ourselves at the very height of exultation to have won these thirteen fine girls. Imagine what a climax to our joy when Chi was awarded the scholarship cup, at opening chapel, Matriculation day! Every year Panhellenic awards this cup to the women's fraternity at Syracuse, that has attained the highest average during the past year. Out of fourteen women's fraternities, Kappa Alpha Theta stood first with an average of 83.1, two whole points above the next high.

And now to turn back to the close of college last spring. We bid adieu to Zohe Stokes, Mildred Kenney, Ruth Kenney, Florence Wall-dorff, Fredericka Smith, Dora Sours, Anna Carhart, and DeEtta Holmes, our eight prominent seniors, at the annual banquet June 10. Thirty-five loyal alumnae returned to help us make their last undergraduate Theta gathering a merry one. Adelaide Van Alstine Yard (Mrs. W. H.) presided as toastmistress.

This fall, college opened with almost its usual freshman enrollment. The upper classes of the university, however, have experienced a serious decrease in membership, especially among the men students. Nevertheless, despite the adverse conditions which exist, the authorities hope that college will assume an almost normal atmosphere.

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Alletta Henderson

'03-ex Mable C. Howe (Mrs Mable) visited the chapter May 14.

'13 Marguerite Treat and Frank M. Dorsey were married May 1. Address: Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

'13 Ruth Morrison and John Coutler, Ψ Γ were married April 28. They are living in East Orange, N. J.

'14-ex Laura Ball and John I. Richer were married April 1.

'14 Ruth White visited the chapter May 19 for Women's day. She sailed in August for China where she is to be in missionary work.

'14 Marie Stoddard visited the chapter April 1.

'15-ex Elsie Fiske, A Ψ visited us May 27.

'15 Thyra May Stiles and Dr Harry Thurston Maxwell were married June 30. They are living in Morristown, N. J.

'16-x Esther Walldorff and David Sullins De Vault were married June 23. They are living in Syracuse.

'16 Louise Balsley and Glen Tinker, ΔT were married Sept. 8. They are living at Pittsford, N. Y.

'17-ex Edith Knapp and Lieut. James Shufelt, $\Delta T \Delta$ were married Sept. 6.

'17-ex Edna Long (Mrs Summerhayes) has a son, William Edwin, born July 17.

'17 Dora Sours has announced her engagement to Raymond Richmond ΣB .

'17 Zohe Stokes has announced her engagement to Alexander J. Erickson.

'17 Mildred Kenney attended Lambda's formal dance April 9.

'17 Mildred Kenney was chosen class historian.

'18-ex Pauline Case visited the chapter May 3.

'18 Isabel Watson attended our formal dance April 27.

'18 Grace Watkins has been initiated into H II T honorary senior society.

'18 Alletta Henderson gave a luncheon April 7, Esther Wright '16, Elsa Volckmann '16, Helen Volckmann '18, Edith Conger '18-ex, Grace Watkins '18, and Elizabeth MacRoberts were guests.

'18 Grace Watkins did social work in Philadelphia this summer.

'19-ex Maryn Whelpley has announced her engagement to Herbert Nalton $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$.

'19 Katharine Munger has announced her engagement to Gladstone Redman, ΔT .

'20 Marguerite Crane of Port Byron was initiated June 9.

The following alumnae returned for the banquet on June 10.

'94 Julia Croff (Mrs J. Cummings); '97 Adelaide Van Alstine (Mrs W. H. Yard); '97 Gladys Hibbard (Mrs Stranahan); '97 Jennie Bingham; ex-'99 Mary Holmes (Mrs Richards); '99 Lena Hoose (Mrs Markham); '00 Mable Parker (Mrs Stilwell); '01-ex Laura Cowan (Mrs J. Wilson); '05-ex Lola Lowther; '07 Grace O'Hara; '08 Edith Ackermann (Mrs F. Dawson); '09-ex Marion Chappell (Mrs Sykes); '09 Lois Frazee; '09 Bricea Wright (Mrs Faus); '10 Claire Terwilliger; '10 Helen Wright; '13 Fern Manier; '13 Ruth Morrison (Mrs J. Colter); '13 Marjorie Banks; '14 Marie Stoddard; '14 Clara Preston; '14-ex Gladys Gouldin (Mrs Vere Filiatrault); '15 Katherine Rowley; '15 Mable Brindley; '15 Maude Sharpe; '15 Eunice Congdon (Mrs Bates); '15 Rebecca Carter; '15 Ruth Newmann; '15 Ruth Audas; '16 Louise Stewart; '16 Louise Balsley (Mrs Tinker); '16 Ruth Jones; '16 Irene Lewis; Josephine Sharpe, Tau.

Lola Lowther '00, Fredericka Smith '17, DeEtta Holmes '17, Marjorie Wright '19, Kathryn Willis '18, and Roberta Saunders ex-'20 attended convention. They visited Mary Milman, Σ , at Toronto over July 4.

We announce the following pledges:

'20 Hildegard Hamilton, Plainfield, N. J.; '21 Dorothy Cox, Syracuse, N. Y.; Dorothy Crampton, Syracuse, N. Y.; Thelma Hamilton, Syracuse, N. Y.; Marion Everett, Pottsdam, N. Y.; Beatrice Hunt, Oneida, N. Y.; Esther Stark, Oneida, N. Y.; Burdella Kruger, Schenectady, N. Y.; Norma Lewis, Peekskill, N. Y.; Grace Morrison, Staten Island, N. Y.; Cornelia Smith, Baldinsville, N. Y.; Hazel Stokes, Scranton, Pa.; Marion Stranahan, Rome, N. Y.

'00 Lola Lowther donated two large rugs to the chapter house and Mrs. Wilkinson, sister of Lola Lowther, sent us a beautiful davenport and chair.

Anna Payne, $A \Delta$, is taking special work in music.

'01 Mrs Best $A Z$ visited us for a few days Sept. 17.

'13-ex Mable Kurtz visited the chapter Sept. 18.

'14 Marie Stoddard visited the chapter Sept. 28.

'16 Louise Stewart visited the chapter Sept. 29.

PSI—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

Psi began the year with several additions. There are the new pledges, of course, nine splendid girls: Eleanor Hughes, Madison, a Psi sister; Frances Dwight, and Marjorie Lange, Madison; Leah Sutcliffe, Chicago; Marjorie Strock, Des Moines, Iowa; Lucille Chase, Greeley, Colorado; Isabel Lowe and Harriet Bartlett, St. Louis; and Helen Sackett, Springfield, Ohio. We have also new furnishings for our reception room, new silver and new china. All this magnificence was purchased when each active girl pledged herself to earn five dollars this summer for the fund. The money was raised in a variety of ways, from home house-keeping to selling poetry to *Snappy stories!* And we must mention Miss Macnaughton, a charming Canadian woman who is our new chaperon.

Last spring we lost many well-loved members by graduation; Mary Ashby, Gladys Buchner, Ruth Chase, Lois Clark, Mary Dunton, Georgia Ebbert, Laura Hayward, Betty Macgregor, Genevieve Penhallegon, Ruth Robertson, and Beatrice Tabor. The spring brought compensations, however, for Mary Ashby, Ruth Chase, Dorothy Bell, Helen Buell, Marjorie Kinnan and Mildred Sprague were elected to Phi Beta Kappa; the last four being juniors; and Dorothy Bell, Helen Cumming, and Marjorie Kinnan were elected to Mortar board, the senior women's honorary society based on scholarship, womanliness, and service to the university.

The annual alumnæ banquet in June brought back many of the older girls, and we made most merry, except that war cast its shadow over our hearts unconsciously. Its influence was seen in rushing this fall, not only in Red Cross luncheons, war dinners, and the omnipresent knitting, but in the simplicity and informality of the parties. Psi has pledged herself to a thoughtful economy in dress, food, and entertainment. The Wisconsin fraternities have abandoned their formal for this year. Alpha Omicron Pi, the newly installed fraternity, is located in an attractive home, and we have been assisting them in every way to gain a foothold. On the whole, with the usual enthusiasm of a new university year, and with the broader vision always given by convention, this time through Dorothy Bell and Hester Harper, we are looking forward to a busy season of larger service and deeper purpose. It seems to us a time when Kappa Alpha Theta must justify her existence by freedom from all pettiness, narrowness, and selfishness.

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Marjorie Kinnan

Leilah Pugh is in France as a Sergeant in the motor corps of the National league for women's service, where she is driving an American ambulance for a Red Cross hospital.

'11 Hester Harper is teaching English at the La Crosse high school, La Crosse, Wis.

'13 Laura Gilman is assisting in bacteriology in Ashland, Wis.

'13 Ada Pence has announced her engagement to Sumner Schlichter.

- '14 Josephine Gliddon and '16 Kathryn Miller were with us for rushing.
- '15 Jean Hadden was married to Edward Reynolds, Δ T in June.
- '15 Helen Hadden is teaching at Milwaukee Downer seminary.
- '15 Riah Fagan is teaching at the University high school, Madison.
- '15 Helen Abrams is teaching at Stoughton, Wis.
- '15 Margaret Curry is teaching English at Bloomington, Ind.
- '15 Helen Pence is teaching Latin in Minneapolis.
- '16 Anita Pleuss was married to Byron Nelson in Aug. She is in Canada at present.
- '16 Mildred Starr is head of the English department at the Randall junior high school in Madison.
- '16 Betty Starr is teaching home economics at Iron Mountain, Mich.
- '16-ex Margaret Hughes is supervisor of the Montessori department in the Fenimore Cooper foundation, in New York.
- '19-ex Marie Reiman was married to Louis Orton in Aug.
- '19-ex Kathryn Erickson was married to John Childe, Σ X, in Sept.
- '19-ex Gertrude Bradley has announced her engagement to Oscar Billharz, Φ Γ Δ.

OMEGA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

After a strenuous and most successful two weeks of rushing, August 13-25, Omega is proud to introduce thirteen pledges, twelve freshmen, and one sophomore. No matter how others may feel about thirteen, it is our lucky number as any one of the following would prove to you. The freshmen are: Gladys Armstrong and Katherine Ward from Los Angeles, Helen Lacy from Pasadena, Lois McRea from Hollywood, Margerie Critchlow from Salt Lake City, Elizabeth Terry and Marjorie Lovegrove from San Francisco, Helen Fox from San Rafael, Margaret Tinning from Martinez, Alice Edinger from Alameda, Elizabeth Burke and Marion Shell from Berkeley and the sophomore, Anna McKinley from Santa Barbara.

The war has made itself felt in all sorts of ways this semester, most noticeably in the greatly lessened number of men students. We have on the campus a government aviation training school which graduates a class every six weeks, in addition to an enlarged military department in which every man connected with the university is enrolled for training and tactics whether or not he has already had underclass military drill.

The departments of chemistry, home economics, and agriculture are all cooperating with the government in research and experimental work to aid in establishing wartime efficiency. The Executive committee of the Associated students of the university has voted to eliminate all unnecessary expense and late hours in connection with college dances, and the fraternity houses are conforming with these rulings at their dances also.

Women of the university are doing all kinds of Red Cross work—many of them are working in three or more groups, since the Associated women students, the Young Women's Christian association, and each of the houses are organized for that sort of work. In addition to the regular knitting and sewing a class in sugical dressings has

started, limited to fifty members who are to complete their work in six weeks and instruct in fifty new groups. Knitting is being done in appalling quantities judging by its omnipresence—classes, teas, committee meetings, rallies, and even football games are not exempted.

It may be of interest to you all to hear that the National Panhellenic field is now closed at the University of California, with the chartering of "Copa de Oro" a local women's club by Kappa Delta on September 15. This total of eighteen women's fraternity chapters makes California the first university to have a representative chapter from each of the national fraternities.

Two new buildings have been added to the university's equipment during the summer—a new agriculture building, Hilgard hall, and Gilman hall, a splendidly equipped new chemistry building with unusual facilities for special graduate research work.

Marion Bogle

'12 Maude Cleveland is in charge of the convalescent ward in the American hospital at Neuilly.

'12 Born to Kate Mac Elrath Black, a son.

'13 Born to Alice Earle Wilder, a son.

'14 Helen Waterman married Capt. Gerard M. Kincaid, in Aug.

'15 Born to Elizabeth Page Gorrill, a daughter.

'15 Born to Gertrude Adams Jackson, a daughter.

'15 Catherine De Motte was married to Ambrose Everts Green, April 7. Address: Corning, Cal.

'15 Vivian Gurney was married in Aug. to Elmer Breckenfeldt '08, Δ K E.

'15 Eleanor Allen has announced her engagement to Harvey Roney '15, Σ N.

'15 Dorothy Edinger is in New York illustrating for *Vanity fair*.

'16 Mary Stillman was married to Emerson Butterworth '16, Φ Δ Θ.

'16 Dorothea Torrey was married to Harold Kelly '16, Φ Γ Δ.

'16-ex Virginie de Fremery has just announced her engagement to Arne Bours Hoisholt.

'16 Marian Fitzhugh, Katherine Thomas, and Barbara Burke '17 left last month for New York where they will take post graduate work at Columbia university.

'17-ex Anna Doyle has returned to college this semester after an absence of two years and is planning to graduate with the present junior class.

'17 Pauline Adams was married in June to Malvin Dargie.

'17-ex Eleanor Banning was married during the summer to John MacFarland, Z Ψ (Stanford).

'17 Gertrude Bangs, Helen Crawford, and Marian Christiansen are taking fifth year work at the university this year.

'18 Margaret House announced her engagement to George Thomas Judd

'15-ex, Α Δ Φ, in May.

'18-ex Dorothy Schillig was married in May to Frederick Schiller Faust '15-ex.

'18-ex Arline Wagner announced her engagement to Richard Ainsley Kirchoffer this summer.

'19-ex Dorothy Ward announced her engagement to Morse Erskine '16, Φ K Ψ.

'19 Before this letter reaches you Omega will have affiliated Iva McMillin, Alpha Xi.

Clotilde Grunsky is now an associate editor of the *Journal of electricity*, a technical journal published in San Francisco. New address: 110 9th av.

ALPHA BETA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE

We are back at college, ready to work hard and to improve our chapter's standard and efficiency. We were twenty-five strong when college opened. Emily Joyce, '17, who is working for her Master's degree and Gertrude McCabe, who is now a sophomore after a year's absence, help to swell our number. Now we are five stronger, for after three days of rushing we pledged Caroline Philips and Miriam Jenkins of Swarthmore; Juliet Mace, Wilmington, Delaware; Nellie Walker, Norristown; Josephine Wildman, Langhorne.

Rushing this year was under the usual rules, although Panhellenic considered sophomore pledge-day. Our big party was Friday afternoon, the day before invitations were sent out. Whittier house once more afforded a good place for a jolly time.

The enrollment this year is larger than it has ever been before. Although many of the men have been drafted, most of those who were not called returned to college. The freshman class is larger than it has been in the history of the college. This, together with the return of more men than were expected, gave rise to a serious question, namely, "Where shall we all room?" As Parish hall, the women's dormitories, accommodates only 200 and about 260 women were enrolled, the seniors are rooming in Wharton hall.

Although our chapter is very large this year, we miss the seniors, Helen Coles, Elizabeth Worth, and Rebecca Conrow, who graduated last spring. Helen Coles played the leading rôle in *Prunella*, the senior play. Emily Joyce also played a leading part and Rebecca Conrow a minor part.

We are sorry to say that we have lost Mabel Pound, one of our sophomores, who was married last spring shortly before the close of college. She had been a Theta only five weeks, having been initiated with Dorothy Young, who we have just heard has a leading part in the Founders'-day play.

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Mary I. Crosley

'14 Martha Speakman is at Mt. Kisco where she is head of the playground.

'17 Helen Coles is teaching at a Friends' school in Camden, N. J.

'17 Rebecca Conrow is teaching at Palmyra high school.

'19 Mrs Charles Adams (Mabel Pound) is living on her farm in New Hope.

'10 Mrs Frank Griffin (Priscilla Goodwin) is visiting in Birmingham, Ala.

'13 Amy Baker has announced her engagement to Donald Ferguson.

'12 Mildred Hoadley is doing lyceum work for Chautauqua.

'12 Jessica Granville-Smith is doing suffrage work on Long Island.

'15-ex Marion Simmons was married to Charles Brown in Aug. Address: Swarthmore, Pa.

'19 Miriam Jones was married to John Bowman in Sept. He is now in France and she is living with her father in Swarthmore.

'02 Edith Coale is in France with the Friends' reconstruction organization.

'16 Gladys Hall has announced her engagement to Charles Snyder.

ALPHA GAMMA—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Rushing is now at its height. The woman's Panhellenic council has made new rules and although this is their first trial, we find them very satisfactory. We were allowed to rush two weeks before and two weeks after matriculation. In this way it was thought to even up the strain of rushing and give the girls, who had been out of town all summer, their chance too. Another commendable feature is that it gives us an opportunity to become better acquainted with our out-of-town rushees.

We have had several lovely rushing parties, on the first day of college, a luncheon at the Chittenden hotel; a garden party September 22, on Phyllis Whitehill's lawn; and tomorrow night an informal dancing party. The last of our parties, on October 4, will be a dinner at the Athletic club. After that, I am sure we will all draw a deep sigh of relief and settle contentedly back to the usual college routine.

This is the first year that we have ever boasted of rooms. Every moment that we can snatch from college work and rushing, is now spent hanging pictures and putting on the finishing touches, which we hope will make them seem attractive and homelike to our prospective freshmen.

Our annual cane rush was last Friday and, through a clever trick, the freshmen won. One of their numbers represented a man taking moving pictures of the event, and with the cane concealed in his clothing, he worked his way to the goal, taking pictures as he went. We always rejoice in a freshman victory.

We are very fortunate in having so many of our girls back. Monabelle Lentz, Anne Damron, and Helen Michel graduated in June. Although we miss them we do not feel that we have lost them for they are still active at heart.

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Alice R. Scatterday

Mrs Frederick Aves (Florence Huston) and her two children, from Galveston, Tex. are visiting in Columbus.

Mrs Harley Fowler (Florence Badger) is visiting her mother.

Born to Mr and Mrs Noble Gates (Ruth Segrist), a son.

Mrs Wayne Lee (Helen Barnhill) and daughter are visiting in Columbus.

Sept. 27, wedding of Miss Ruth Hoagland and Mr Karl Minneman, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$. Rivé Bowman has returned home from a summer at the lakes.

Mrs Charles Snyder (Hazel Shook) is living in Columbus.

Helen Michel is teaching at Eaton, Ohio.

Born, May 27, to Mr and Mrs A. K. Overterf (Gene Rounsavall), a son.

ALPHA DELTA—GOUCHER COLLEGE

With this letter due October 1, the writer is placed in a most uncomfortable position. For Goucher's opening day and the fraternities' pledge day occur simultaneously on the sixth of the month, which is a very bad state of affairs from a chapter editor's point of view!

All varieties of rushing having been tried and found wanting at Goucher, and a very short rushing season having proved the least of varied evils, we are now plunged in the doubtful joys of summer rushing. There have been picnics at our Tramp Rock, luncheons, and one of Alpha Delta's famous house parties held, this time, at the home of Mary Wilson Swindell. From the campfire supper, cooked in the nearby woods, straight through that noisy, jolly evening and the "Three-in-a-bed" night, to the very end of it all in the automobile ride the next morning, it was a real Theta party. We can only hope the freshmen had almost as good a time as we did ourselves! Fraternities are a closed question in every way this year. The chapter is very small. We lost three splendid girls in our seniors—Virginia Davis, Louise Lewis, and Kathryn Watson—and three more girls will not be back. Hilda Malone '19, is leaving us for the University of Michigan, Onolee Wyckoff '19, to attend a school of gymnasium in Boston, and Eleanor Watts '20, will go to business college. We had a little farewell party for them to which, also, came a departing alumna, Eleanor Hopkins, who was married two days later and who has left for her future home in Dallas, Texas. A good many western Thetas know her, for she has been doing Young Women's Christian association work in Seattle for several years.

The incoming freshman class numbers over three hundred, which far out-strips any former one, and we are adding unto ourselves buildings and improvements on every side. Notable among these are the two new dormitories and the alumnae clubhouse which, in addition to other delights, boasts of bedrooms for the accommodation of visiting alumnae, living-rooms with open fire-places and all the comforts of home.

27 September 1917

Gertrude Tunstall Edwards

Among the delegates to the alumnae council in June were two Thetas: Ida Evans Bixler '02 and Mary Porter Boss '02.

'02 Alice Bennett Pollard visited in Baltimore during the summer and attended the June banquet.

'07 Christie Dulaney Solter has a little daughter, Christie Dulaney, Jr., born Aug. 8.

'11 Grace Bennett was married on July 17 to Mr Charles Price Davis. Laura Bennett Le Cron '14-ex, was matron of honor, Louis Pennington '15-ex, was maid of honor, and Ruth Taylor '11, was one of the bridesmaids.

'12 Eleanor Hopkins was married Sept. 27 to Mr Albert B. Hall of Dallas, Tex.

'13 Dorothy Davis has announced her engagement to Mr Frederic Warren Conant.

'14 Blanche Ross was married Sept. 20 at Las Vegas, N. M. to Mr Charles Norman Hammond. She visited Helen Harrison in Baltimore before leaving for the West.

ALPHA ETA—VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

The Thetas are gathering again. From the east and from the west the wearers of the kite again turn happy footsteps to a campus made beautiful by the earliest touches of Autumn brilliance. Our reunion is the happier because the past summer has seen us together less often than is usual.

The new rules passed by Panhellenic in accordance with our new plans forbade all summer rushing but one function. This we held in the latter part of August at the home of Helen Adamson, and took the form of a spend-the-day party. All the Thetas and freshmen who could be found in town got together and took the first good look at each other.

Our new plan provides for one month's rush with pledge-day the first of November. Functions of all kinds are to be strictly regulated as to number and expense by Panhellenic. This is Alpha Eta's first experience with a rushing season of any length, and she hopes to be able to show the freshmen Theta's true worth in a natural way and without the excitement and strain that attends matriculation pledging.

The coming year at Vanderbilt will probably mean more to the girls of the university than any previous period in its history. This year the task will fall to them of shouldering many of the responsibilities of college life previously taken by the boys; it will be ours to prove ourselves able to keep up the standards of Vanderbilt at home while they support her fame in France. For this task there are no slackers in Theta and no claim for exemption.

June 13 deprived us of nine members, and two more will not be with us this year. But we return with twenty-four sophomores, juniors, and seniors and enough enthusiasm, we hope, to carry us through the year.

Dorothy Bethurum

'17 Elise Chase and Frank Cherry, B Θ II, were married Aug. 25.

'17 Helen Adamson is teaching in Kentucky.

'17 Ellen Duffy is teaching in Martha Washington college, Abingdon, Va.

'17 Helen Anderson is teaching in Martin college, Pulaski, Tenn.

ALPHA THETA—UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

September 25 the "Curtain fell on the most stirring act of Texas history" when the senate court of impeachment, by a vote of twenty-five to three, declared that James E. Ferguson, former governor of Texas, was not only removed from office but also disbarred from ever after holding a position under the state government. And since Mr. Ferguson had very nearly succeeded in his attempt to dominate its management, the future of the university, as a first class institution, depended upon his impeachment and removal from office. One can, therefore, imagine the great relief felt by the friends of the university at the final action of the senate high court. It was a complete vindication of the university and its president, Robert Ernest Vinson.

Matriculation and rushing started together on September 26 so that everybody is as busy as possible, naturally. But when the routine of class work really begins, everything will be awfully dull without the excitement of rushing or the impeachment trial or the meeting of all one's old friends who have nearly all returned at this time. Yet already there has been noticed a certain soberness in all university matters. Rushing parties particularly have been much simplified this year as a patriotic duty. And besides many of the boys who were in college last year are now in uniform and their absence helps to emphasize the seriousness with which we must regard the present war.

26 September 1917

Doris Hayne Connerly

ALPHA IOTA—WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Alpha Iota will have the largest chapter in her history, for nineteen actives and three pledges returned to college September 27 and fourteen girls were pledged September 28. Three of the pledges are juniors: Margart Knight and Mariel Hafner from Vassar and Alice Rubleman from Bryn Mawr. Vera Gruner, who attended Stanford last year, and Margaret Haase, who went to Miss Bennett's, entered Washington as sophomores. From the freshman class we chose Katherine Cushing, Marian DenYven, Bertha Jarndt, Loretta Murphy, Caroline Nettleship, Lucile Pearson, Katherine Scheu, Lilian Wait, and Gertrude Walther. The early Pledge-day was an innovation, as Panhellenic rules have always placed it two weeks after the opening of college.

Seven members of last year did not return this fall. Four graduated; Frances Wendl '18-ex, and Edith Kidwell '20-ex, took positions; and Margaret Howes went to Nebraska university.

Theta is well represented in Keod, the senior honorary society, as Margaretha Roth, Helen Banister, and Rachel Metcalfe are three of the six members. Many important organization offices are held by Thetas: Jessamine Price is president of the Women's athletic association; Margaretha Roth is president of the Hikers club and vice-president of the senior class; Helen Banister is head of the Washington unit of the Navy league; Rachel Metcalfe is Associate editor of *Student life*, the college paper, and senior representative on the women's council; and Lucy Taylor is secretary of the Young Women's Christian association.

Although the number of men has greatly decreased, the university was able to open a new department, the School of commerce and finance. Three new professors are taking the places of two who have become officers in the United States army and one who transferred to another college.

As Alpha Iota had nineteen enthusiastic representatives at Charlevoix, the rest of us have been hearing convention business and learning convention songs ever since.

7 October 1917

Rachel Metcalfe

Mary Jane Fields, Beta, has entered Washington as a senior and has become an affiliate of our chapter.

'11 Winifred Kinealy Bryan (Mrs Walter) has a son.

'14 Claire Berry is assisting in the English department.

'14-ex Eva Morrison and Mr Kogsall were married during the summer.

'15 Dorothy Nicholson Morrill (Mrs Jos.) is now living in St. Louis. She has a baby girl.

'16-ex Marie Gallenkamp Henderson (Mrs Gale) has a daughter.

'17 Katherine Brookes is assisting in the Geology department.

'17 Lucile Bishop is teaching in Winchester, Ill.

'17 Alice Johann announced her engagement to Lieut A. Maack.

'16-ex Harriette Newman Greene (Mrs Moulton) is visiting in St. Louis.

'14 Claire Perry announced her engagement to Ed Nix.

'15 Fanny Cushing and Harry Rhodes were married July 5.

'12 Julia Brookes Galt (Mrs Chas.) has twin daughters.

Margaret Stevens, Psi, is teaching at Mary institute in St. Louis.

Bess Phillips Kennedy, wife of Capt Kennedy, is editing a newspaper made up of letters from officers of the 12th Regiment of engineers.

ALPHA KAPPA—ADELPHI COLLEGE

The reopening of college finds Alpha Kappa caught in the whirl of the rushing season. Regardless of the war, the freshman class is as large as ever. With the loss of six by graduation and with two sophomores attending other colleges we find it necessary to work untiringly. Yet we are not at all pessimistic.

As a fitting climax to last spring's activities, a luncheon was given by Marion Stringham at her home on Long Island. The luncheon was a complete success, many of the alumnae attending. When it was over all agreed that they had spent a perfect Alpha Kappa afternoon.

We are very proud to introduce as our new sister Olive Books who was initiated on June 15.

5 October 1917

Vivian F. O'Brien

Helen Palmer is now a sophomore at Wellesley.

Phyllis Andrews is at Teachers' college.

'17 Mary Moneypenny has announced her engagement to Arthur Kiendl.

ALPHA LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

No letter received—October 12, 1917

ALPHA MU—UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

Our seven seniors graduated last spring. Losers we must be two more times than seven because the two '16 seniors who were here last year for graduate work are not with us this.

What we considered our misfortune came last spring when, on account of the war we could not buy a new house. Therefore, nearly all the active chapter returned to the old house early and without giving themselves time to feel the loss of the seniors or the desire for a new home, gathered together all their enthusiasm to vent it on the poor old house where everything was done from varnishing floors and painting furniture to making drapes and curtains.

The same good spirit carried us through the week of strenuous rushing and when Saturday, the twenty-second came, we felt proud indeed, to look around and see our seven splendid pledges. They are: Catherine Mumford and Helen Marbut, both Theta sisters from Columbia, Julia McDonald from Independence, Garnett Ingalesby from Kansas City, Ailene Mantz from Westplains, Faye Davis from Hamburg, Iowa, and Bernice Batta from Chillicothe.

Now that rushing is over our attention is turned toward the coming football season, and the college activities in which Alpha Mu always tries to take an active part.

Then, too, an indoor and outdoor sport which has not heretofore taken quite such a prominent place in our minds is knitting. Nearly every girl in the chapter is trying to do her bit by knitting her spare moments into something serviceable. And the words "hank," "purling," "cast on" and "bind off" are taking the places of by-words of former years.

27 September 1917

Zella Ella Edwards

- '16 Helen Lowry was married to Mr Samuel Ayers, Jr., $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, June 25.
- '16 Lura Belle Grigsby was married to Lieut. Demas Lindley Sears, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, Sept. 25 in Columbus, Ohio.
- '14 Temple Kean was married to Mr Wm. Vernon Holland, Aug. 1. Address: 194 Fledge av. Memphis, Tenn.
- '16-ex Juliaette Zietz was married to Mr Otto Schultz, Sept. 16, 1917.
- '17 Dorothy Blanks is teaching in Mexico, Mo.
- '17 Kate Child is teaching in Galloway college, Searcy, Ark.
- '17 Lee Woodward is teaching in Columbus, Miss.
- '17 Anne Stewart is teaching in Cartersville, Mo.
- '16 Margaret Mumford is teaching in Christian college, Columbia, Mo.
- '16 Louise Marbut is teaching in Verona, Mo.
- '12 Julia Spaulding is teaching in Williamsport, Pa.
- '17 Dera Dulaney is teaching in Carrollton, Mo.
- '18-ex Katherine Haston and '19-ex Evalina Buis are teaching in St. Joseph, Mo.
- '17 Helena Wilbur is attending Columbia university.
- '20-ex Lola Mary Browne is attending Chicago university.
- Marie Davis, our District president, was with us the last two days of rushing.
- '17-ex Adele Sennott, who had been out of college for two years is with us again.
- Helen Hestwood Thompson, Jane Quayle, Clara Grigsby, Marguerite Rickert, and Genieve Garnett were back for rushing.

ALPHA NU—UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

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ALPHA XI—UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

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ALPHA OMICRON—UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

We have heard Charlevoix, convention, knitting, and new songs from our representatives, Margaret Archdeacon and Gladys Drennan, until we all feel that we know Charlevoix, convention, knitting, and new songs perfectly.

With twenty of last year's chapter back we began our one week's rushing in full force September 18. By Tuesday evening we had put the colors on these eight freshmen: Dorothy Prouty, Mary Mattison, Ann Knight, Pauline Stafford, Oklahoma City; Fromma Johnson, Norman; Ruth Mansfield, Shawnee; Virginia Shutt, Pryor; and one postgraduate, Eleanor Morgan, Goldsboro, North Carolina. We gave an informal tea and dance, a line party and Japanese spread, and ended with a very successful and fussy breakfast. We had one exciting event which was very spontaneous, an automobile race with Pi Phi and Theta entries. We all drew a sigh of relief when the Theta automobile with the sought after rushees came out victorious.

Three new names were added to Alpha Omicron's roll when Claudia Fay White, Eleanor Morgan, and Grace Threadgill were initiated October 1. We were so very glad to include Grace Threadgill, our transferred pledge from Alpha Iota, in this initiation.

You have not heard yet of our success last spring. Among the six women's fraternities at Oklahoma, Kappa Alpha Theta ranked first in scholarship, winning the scholarship cup for the second time in succession. If we win this semester it is ours for keeps. And two of our girls made Owl and Triangle, honorary society here corresponding to Phi Beta Kappa.

With rushing over, politics next absorbed our attention and when the ballots were counted, Kappa Alpha Theta was found well represented on the official office holding list. Margaret Archdeacon was elected president of Young Women's Christian association; Alberta Conner was elected vice-president of the junior class; Fromma Johnson, freshman queen; Ruth Bretch, vice-president Woman's council; Claudia Fay White, secretary Woman's council; Alva Jarbeau and Edna Bessant are also members of Woman's council.

So with thirty-three strong girls we are expecting a very successful year.

Claudia Fay White

Alpha Omicron's representatives at convention were: Margaret Archdeacon, chapter delegate, Marion Brooks, alumnae delegate, Gladys Brennan and Margaret Coleman.

¹⁴ Helen Brooks is teaching Spanish in the Oklahoma City high school.

¹⁷ Marion Brooks has accepted a position as Y. W. C. A. secretary at I. I. & C. Columbia, Miss.

'15 Married, Elizabeth Witcher to Joseph Gordon, K A, of Oklahoma City, Sept. 1.

'17 Married, Lucille Westervelt to Lieut. Raybourn Smiser, K Σ, Sept. 29.

'17 Margaret Coleman is teaching in the high school at Francis, Okla.

'17 Neva Rogers is studying domestic science at Manhattan, Kan.

Born Sept. 23, to Mr and Mrs William Judson Armstrong (Minnie Lee Burrus) a son, William Burrus.

'15 Married, Lottie Gibbons to Mr Francis Brooks, K A, of Dennis, Tex., Sept. 4.

Helen Barrett has returned to the university as a member of the faculty in the expression department.

The faithful alumnae who returned to help us during rushing are: Ethel Maud Smith '17, Lucille Westervelt Smiser '17, Freda Reed Lawson '15, Elizabeth Williams '16-ex, Harriet Patrick '17, Helen Brooks '14.

ALPHA PI—UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA

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ALPHA RHO—UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Alpha Rho began the year with an unusual amount of enthusiasm, for the girls who attended convention brought with them many new and helpful ideas which we are eager to adopt and work out with our own chapter.

Rushing season was very strenuous this year but most successful as we won seven fine genuine girls: Fay Nicholson, Susan Abrams, Marie Levitt, Margaret Sharp, Florence Collins, Margit Johnson, and Josephine Studenroth. Our rushing consisted of three parties, a formal reception, a stunt party and the formal dinner. Rushing was put on an economical basis this year but nevertheless we had just as much fun and also discovered that successful parties do not require money.

We pledged on October 8 and will soon have five pledges in the house. We are going to start our pledge meetings at once and do all we can to make our pledges into real Thetas.

Dean Stockton is our new Dean of arts and science and Mrs. Stockton the new Panhellenic adviser. We feel that they will both be of great help to the University. Dress Reform is a new movement this year by which we are trying to modify our dress and be as economical as possible; we think that Uncle Sam will approve of this reform.

Our freshman class is unusually large this year so freshman day was very successful. The parade, campus feed, cane rush, and dance were the main features of the day. Dakota Day is the next event we are all looking forward to. The plan this year is to portray in the parade what South Dakota is doing for the war. We will also play North Dakota on that day.

Our new chaperon, Amelia Rosenthal, from New Jersey is here and we have fallen in love with her already. She has an unusual amount of energy and enthusiasm and we feel that she will be a very successful housemother and chaperon.

Although the war has hurt the attendance at the university this year the enrollment is very good and Theta is going to "do her bit" in every way possible.

9 October 1917

Mildred Gold

'18 Gertrude McGee is assisting in the Spanish department this year.

'18 Pauline Brigham has secured a position in Texas teaching music.

'15 Leila Cummings was married to Frank McCormick, B Θ II, at Center-ville, S. D. on Aug. 18.

'17 Fern Wasen was married June 28 to John Bertelero at Harrisburg, S. D.

'18-ex Edine Rowe was married to William F. Binney, Φ Δ Θ, at Detroit, Mich.

'17 Marjorie L. Beebe's engagement to Seldon C. Lowy Φ Δ Θ is announced.

'16 Ann Moe is teaching domestic science in Gettysburg, S. D.

'17 Mary Weisel has an excellent position teaching in Alabama.

'17 Genevieve Kelley is teaching in the Vermilion high school.

ALPHA SIGMA—WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE

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ALPHA TAU—UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

Khaki, Red Cross, olive drab sweaters, and helmets—these are the things that we are all thinking about. During the summer a branch of the Red Cross was established at the University of Cincinnati. Then to things farther away—Alpha Tau has adopted a French war orphan. The idea is a bit more interesting than purl-two, knit-three, and so forth, but each in its turn.

Judged by the amount of enthusiasm over the convention, Alpha Tau conveners had more than their share. They came back bubbling with "at convention this" and "at convention that." All of you may know the joy they had at Dorothy Stevens' house party, and then at Omena, Michigan, where ten Alpha Taus were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Lotspeich. After they came home, the Alpha Taus has a summer series of all-day parties, tennis parties, and other sorts of jolly Theta gatherings.

All of the Alpha Tau undergraduates are back, and two of our last year's seniors are registered for graduate work—and so we are gathered to commence the work of the year.

We have a bright stock of freshmen here at the university, and oh, the things we are looking forward to.

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Martha Crawford Harris

'16 Mildred Evans was married to Leland Barnett.

'17 Saradelle Emerson was married to Dudley Sadler.

'17 Dorothy Stevens announced her engagement to F. Kenneth Hoehler.

'19-ex Inez James announced her engagement to James Montgomery.

Julia Wright Merrill is now on the faculty of the Library school at the University of Wisconsin. Address: 121 W. Wilson st. Madison, Wis.

ALPHA UPSILON—WASHBURN COLLEGE

Another college year has started with all its rush and hurry. With Alpha Upsilon, the rush is particularly emphasized, as rushing season has been limited to two weeks, instead of the usual six.

We were very fortunate in re-renting our fine big house opposite the college campus, and as Mrs. McCaslin, our housemother of last year, has come back to us, we feel our domestic affairs will run smoothly. Also we have lost only one girl; Elsie Cuthbert has left us to study domestic science at the State agricultural college at Manhattan. There will be ten girls living in the chapter-house this year.

Last spring a new organization, Nososo, was started in Washburn. This organization is composed of six girls chosen from the junior class and membership is based upon scholarship, democracy, and college activities. We were very proud of our three seniors, Isabel Savage, Violet Crumbine, and Majel Langhart, who were chosen as charter members. Sue Louise Bell, our convention delegate, was elected from the junior class. Sue Louise is also vice-president of the Student council this year. Because the editor of *The Review*, the Washburn paper, has enlisted, Genevieve McMillan, who was Associate editor, is now editor. Ruth Thompson is vice-president of the Biological club, Christina Ward is editor of the *Kaw*; Gracia Wood is vice-president of the Dramatic club; Catherine Conkling is vice-president of the Washburn girls' literary society and Gertrude Grey is president of Panhellenic.

29 September 1917

Gertrude Grey

'17 Majel Langhart is head of the English department at Eureka high school.

'17 Married, Aug. 26, Isabel Savage and Reese Hughes, K Σ.

'15 Married, June 5, Marguerite Seltzer and Richard Whitcomb, Kappa Sigma. Mr and Mrs Whitcomb have gone to Honolulu where Mr Whitcomb is engaged in Y. M. C. A. work.

'15 Adelaide Johnson will teach in Lyons this year.

'15 Marion Walp will teach in Ellsworth this coming year.

'07 Julia Larimer will be in the Barstow school for girls this winter.

'14 Mr and Mrs Ted Ingham (Mary Wickwire) have moved from Massachusetts to Southern California where Mr Ingham is health commissioner.

'14 Married, Sept. 3, Marjorie Rodgers and Lieut. Kenneth Lewis.

'17 Violet Crumbine will study Pipe-organ in Topeka this winter.

'17 Marguerite Kiene is attending Business college in Topeka.

'16 Marjorie Lyle is studying domestic science at the State agricultural college.

ALPHA PHI—NEWCOMB COLLEGE

This year begins a new system of rushing at Newcomb. There is to be no expensive rushing, such as parties, teas, or luncheons. The idea is to make the freshman feel as if she is being honored when she is asked to join a fraternity, not as if she is conferring a favor by accepting the invitation. This system is to be given one year's trial and if it proves acceptable and workable, will go into effect next year also.

We have a room on the campus now, but we are not buying new furniture, for next year new Newcomb will be opened, and that means moving again. Of course, we want everything new for that

time. Our room is very pretty, the walls are cream color and the trimmings brown. Also we have the distinction of being the first fraternity at college to have indirect electric lights.

We have lost two active Thetas and one pledge. Juanita Crump, who was initiated April 26, has left college to become a Sacred Heart nun. Frances DeuPree has left Newcomb and is living in Oklahoma.

Margaret Montgomery, a pledge, has gone to the University of Texas.

28 September 1917

Ivy Waldo

'11 Married LaReine Hill to Dr Addley H. Gladden, Φ X. Dr Gladden is now at a hospital in France.

'12 Married Ethel Barkdull to Martin Kahao, Δ T Δ.

'14 Married Katherine Hoffman to Richmond Varnado.

ALPHA CHI—PURDUE UNIVERSITY

With the opening of the college year just three days away and with rush close upon us, Alpha Chi is more than busy getting adjusted. How we do miss our eight seniors! We are glad indeed to have Dale Waterbury back again. All but two of our girls, Jane Dye '19 and Edyth Erhard '20 returned this year.

Our first chapter meeting was held last night. Of course rush was the principal topic for discussion. It will be conducted under Panhellenic rules as it was last year, each of the four women's fraternities being allowed two parties during the week of rush. Pledge-day is October 7. A new local woman's fraternity, Alpha Beta, has been admitted to Panhellenic. It is petitioning for Alpha Chi Omega.

Our first party is to be a slumber party at which Alpha Chi will entertain with a strictly "evening dress" theatrical. The second one is to be a real soldier party, out in the woods between two hills. Three girls dressed in the colors of the Allies will serve mess consisting of cornbread and molasses, and entertainment will be furnished at the Young Women's Christian association shanty.

At the close of the meeting we had a talk-around in which each member told her pet desire for Alpha Chi this coming year. We are all eager to hear the reports from convention.

Last week we had a get-together meeting of all the Thetas in town at the home of Mrs. Crockett, our alumnae adviser. We learned many new songs from convention to sing for our rushees.

Just after the close of college last June, we had our Theta camp. Twenty-five were there all the time and many more visited over the week-end. We camped on an island in the Tippecanoe river and for a whole week did nothing but paddle and swim and enjoy ourselves.

The declaration of war practically broke up our college. Almost six hundred of the men left to enter training camps or work on the farms and there was a general feeling of anxiety and unrest among

those who remained. The Old English pageant which had been planned for May day was changed into the simple crowning of the queen at the annual Girls' club banquet. We were very proud to have Esther Evans '17 as our queen.

The Harlequin club play proceeded as usual and was a great success. Mary Agnew and Gladys Crain had leading parts. Another honor for Theta was the awarding of the McRae medal for high standing in literature and public speaking to Beatrice Fisher '17.

On May 30 we entertained our seniors at the annual senior breakfast. It was to be held in Happy Hollow but it rained so we had it indoors. The dampness didn't affect our spirits the least bit, however. During the breakfast each senior was presented with a silver recognition pin as a gift from the chapter.

24 September 1917

Frances Fisher

'17 Gail Bone is teaching in the Junior high school at Frankfort, Ind.

'17 Mary Agnew and Irma Connell are teaching in the Lafayette schools.

'17 Beatrice Fisher is engaged in social settlement work at Gary.

'17 Esther Evans is at Osceola, Ark. teaching English and home economics.

'17 Josie McCord has a position in the schools at Pittsboro, Ind.

'18-ex Anne McVicker was married to Paul Neal, K Σ in Aug.

'18-ex Mildred Severson was married July 4 to Oscar Schmidt.

'16 Nellie Earhart was married to Rutherford Reiter at Portland, Ore., in Sept.

'19 Jane Dye is working at Hammond.

ALPHA PSI—LAWRENCE COLLEGE

Nine active members and two pledges of Alpha Psi returned to Lawrence on October 3, prepared, after the long summer vacation, for work and rushing. As to rushing, however, we of Theta, along with all other Lawrence fraternities, were met with the greatest surprise when told that the faculty has passed a new ruling concerning rushing. This provided for absolutely no rushing and for open pledging to begin the first day of college. This was met by an indignation meeting of Interfraternity council and Panhellenic. After much debating the following agreement was arrived at by the faculty and representatives of the different fraternities: An extension of two weeks, during which time there was to be no rushing but merely a period of time in which to become acquainted with freshmen through the ordinary means of association open to all college students. This, of course, provides for no parties or entertainments of any sort, and as a result this would-be rushing is proving rather difficult. But with the splendid number of freshmen and good hard work we are confident.

We had but three graduates last spring, Margaret Ritchie, Florence Wheeler, and Lorinne Taylor. Margaret is doing graduate work at the University of Wisconsin on a fellowship; Florence is teaching, and Lorinne is assisting in her father's office.

The last spring term closed with the pledging of Olive Robinson, Evansville, Wisconsin, and Winifred Sullivan, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. The pledge service was held at the home of Mrs. N. L. Spencer.

Last June, after final examinations, as many members as possible left for a cottage on Lake Winnebago, where we held our annual Theta camp. We had such a good time that we are already looking forward to our next year's camp.

In spite of the war the Russell Sage dormitory for women is nearly completed, and in spite of many inconveniences nearly one hundred and fifty women are already living in it. The building is expected to be completed within a month, and it is said that it will be one of the finest women's dormitories in this part of the country.

10 October 1917

Geraldine Pugh

'17 Margaret Ritchie is doing graduate work at the University of Wisconsin.

'17 Florence Wheeler is teaching English in the high school at Grove City, Minn.

Ruth Hoepfer and Gertrude Detjen have taken up a playground course at Northwestern.

Elsie Davidson is preparing for entering nurse's training at the Presbyterian hospital, Chicago.

'16 Dorothy Holbrook is teaching English in the high school at Brillion, Wis.

Helen Risdon is attending the University of Wisconsin.

Lorraine Lomas is teaching at Holman, Wis.

'14 Married, Sept. 1, 1917, at Escanaba, Mich., Marie Snyder to Frederick H. Bathke.

Ruth Froemming is attending the University of California.

'14 Born to Mr and Mrs George Fannon (Leilah Nelson), a daughter, Marie Louise, on Mar. 3, 1917.

ALPHA OMEGA—UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

We have not, as yet, had an opportunity to hear all the convention news, but we are looking forward to the help and enthusiasm which the three girls, Margaretta Webber, Bertha Ortman, and Marie Kerr, who attended are anxious and willing to give us. We rejoice that Mrs. Hope Davis Mecklin of Pittsburgh is still the Grand President.

A change has been made in our house management, now it is up to the Theta girls, with the help of a House commission formed of members of the Pittsburgh alumnae chapter, to prove the success of the venture. Since April and our last fraternity letter many and varied events have occurred. Open house May 23 was so largely attended that the capacity of our house came near to being overtaxed.

June 13 was Commencement Day and therefore the time for our senior luncheon which was daintily prepared and served by our own good sophomores and freshmen. According to custom each of our four seniors, Alica Musser, Helene Reed, Dr. Agnes Ferguson, and Anna Graham, was presented with a silver teaspoon engraved with K A @. Leora Graham, '20, was initiated June 15.

June 9 Lou Borland gave a tea in honor of Helene Reed's coming marriage. June 20 Cecile Boyd entertained us at tea announcing Hazel Keffer's engagement. A few days later Minna Steinert had us all for a very enjoyable afternoon followed by refreshments and while we had a very jolly time playing games our chief delight lay in discussing the prospect of "who is next?"

June 27 just before those of us who live in town should be two widely scattered for the summer Florence Skinner gave a slumber party. No limit was placed on the hilarity and I quote from Florence's contribution to the Round Robin—"One question lies heavy on my heart and is a serious cause of estrangement from my family, namely who cut the sleeves out of my father's vest?" We offer sympathy but can offer no suggestion.

We congratulate Brenda that she has been elected to membership in Pitt's educational fraternity, now National. Also Eleanor Spangler and Brenda K. Wright have become members of Alpha Lambda Nu an honorary society for activities and scholarship.

During the first week of September a crowd of the girls went to a house party at Van Buren Point, Lake Erie. Those of us who were unable to go have regretted it ever since and are making plans to go next year. College opens October 1 and with it an influx of bewildered freshmen. However, our material for future years lies in this group, so we are doing our best to be Big Sisters in accordance with this great movement inaugurated by the Young Women's Christian association.

Margaretta Webber

In Aug. Helene G. Reed '17 was married to Clinton W. Morgan, K A. Hazel Keffer '15 was married to John Peden in July. Carrie McClarren was married to Clarence L. Warrick of the Mellon institute of research.

Mabel Love was married to John Baker, LL.D.

Mathilda Moldenhauer was married to Dr S. C. Brooks. They are both at Harvard and we are proud to say that Tilly is working for her Ph.D.

Anna Graham is teaching in the Charlevoix high school.

Al Musser is teaching in the Altoona high school.

Dr Agnes Ferguson is an intern in the Columbia hospital, Wilkesburg, and is supervisor of the girls' physical training and club work in the Pittsburgh Playgrounds.

We are all greatly grieved by the sudden death of Mrs F. A. C. Perrin (Agnes Willis). The undergraduates will miss her for we always claimed her as chaperon and adviser. The girls who were her intimate friends loved her dearly and feel an irreparable loss.

BETA BETA—RANDOLPH-MACON WOMEN'S COLLEGE

Beta Beta returned to college September 9 with a lot of enthusiasm for the coming session. We were especially excited because of pledge-day September 20, without any rushing. Pledging brought three sophomores, Sybil Edwards and Elizabeth Mahon of Arkansas,

and Eunice Winerstein of Pennsylvania and one junior, Lucile Hendrix of Georgia. Advanced standing pledge-day on October 6 added Hazel Newhouse of New Jersey and Gladys Pratt of Illinois. This brought our chapter up to sixteen active members, six having graduated last June, and four having left college for other reasons.

We welcome back Mary Wells who was with us in 1915-16, but who spent last year teaching in Marietta, Ohio. While there she did enough work on her degree in addition to her teaching to enable her to return to us as a senior this year.

Our new chapter-house, a shingled bungalow, completed in time for last Commencement, is affording us much pleasure, and we are planning for more elaborate furnishings by the end of the year. We feel that our pride in the house will do much for the chapter, and will be a drawing card for our rushees.

Phi Beta Kappa was installed last June with five of the senior class elected to membership. We are very proud that Henrietta Reery, one of our chapter, was among the number.

6 October 1917

Edith West

'17 Sarah Redwine is teaching at Carolina college, Maxton, N. C.

'18-ex Margaret Stum is attending the University of Michigan.

'19-ex Lola McCartney has organized a Literary club at her home in Waxahachie, Tex. She is also doing active Red Cross work.

'16 Jeanie Gary is teaching in the high school at Emporia, Va.

'18-ex Betsey Brown is teaching music in the high school at Edenton, N. C. In addition, she is giving private music lessons.

BETA GAMMA—COLORADO AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

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BETA DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

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PROVIDENCE ALUMNÆ

'01 Saida N. Hallett is now living at 42 Pocasset av. Manton, R. I.

'02 Mrs Warren L. Wilmarth (Maude Warren) has changed her residence from Providence to Buffalo. Her going is a great loss to our group, as she was always a faithful member and a cheerful helper.

Sp. 1910 Eleanor S. Upton is captain of one of the Women's teams of the Library week campaign, working to raise money for the purchase of books for the men of the army and navy.

'11 Lida M. Bassett has a position with the Red Cross in Washington.

'11 Mrs Edward Kent (Ruth C. Burroughs) is spending the winter with her parents in Pawtucket, as her husband is at the training camp at Fort Myers.

Three members of Alpha Epsilon chapter of Brown University attended the convention, Ethel G. Wescott '00, Flora M. Cotton '04, and Hope Davis Mecklin '06.

'12 Mildred C. Bishop has a position on the editorial staff of Ginn and Co.

PANHELLENIC

All during the last week of October many fraternity badges were worn by guests at the Edgewater Beach Hotel in Chicago. A fraternity convention one might have thought at first—but the badges were not all alike—though that had no appreciable affect on the composition of groups in dining-room or lobby. Just what made this hotel for this week the headquarters of so many fraternity women? The National Panhellenic congress was in session after a two year recess, the last congress having adjourned at Berkeley, California, in August, 1915.

What is this N. P. C.? It is a convention, or more properly a conference, where one delegate (a national officer) from your fraternity meets seventeen other delegates (all national officers) each representing one of the other national Greek-letter college fraternities. Eighteen experienced fraternity officers—each of whose experience has been gained by working with fraternity girls in some division of the 104 colleges where fraternities for women have chapters—gathered around a long table to discuss fraternity problems, to ask each other questions, to absorb ideas from the experience of others, to plan together ways and means of bettering fraternity conditions and activities: back of them sit twice or thrice as many women as are at the table, the visiting delegates, all fraternity officers and often *all* officers of many fraternities, for Council meetings before, or after the congress are quite the fashion—that is N. P. C.

To give any adequate review of the work of any congress of National Panhellenic is quite impossible. To be sure there are the minutes of the meeting kept in due parliamentary form, and this year recorded by punch and hole on that mechanical toy, the steno-type, but they record only the motions passed, the recommendations made to the constituent fraternities, the reports entertained, and the speeches heard, while the real value of the congress lies in those intangible reactions, influences, and by-products of the between conference sessions, in those Panhellenic breakfast or dinner groups, that must go unrecorded but which are not unlike the elements that give the chief permanent value to a national convention of any one fraternity.

Since personality is the real secret of the real value of N. P. C., may we introduce to you some of those present? And may we, at the same time crave the lenient judgment of such introductions by the guests introduced?

Pi Beta Phi, Dr. Keller, Dean of Westhampton College, who has left her strenuous duties in Richmond, Virginia, to contribute the college point of view to these sessions. "May," as we hear that group of visiting delegates, who are the Grand council of Pi Beta Phi call her, is short, has a wealth of dark hair and a southern dialect only occasionally.

Alpha Chi Omega, Mrs. Fall from New York City, whom many of you have met, as the past year she visited all colleges where her fraternity is represented, and from this wide knowledge contributed inspiration and faith to the congress. With her is Alpha Chi Omega's Council, too.

New York state sent two other delegates. Miss Baldwin, known to you all as N. P. C. Chairman and known to the congress as a calm, affable presiding officer as well as a loyal friend of right and generosity. For the next two years she will be editor for the N. P. C. department in *Banta's Greek Exchange*. The rest of Alpha Xi Delta's council are present too, waiting N. P. C.'s adjournment to hold their own Council meeting. The other New Yorker is Theta's delegate, L. Pearle Green, and with her are Hazel Allison Forde and Ruth Haynes Carpenter, who need no introduction here.

From the other Coast come two delegates, Mrs. Treat, president of Delta Gamma, who preceded N. P. C. by a Grand Council meeting and is following it by chapter visiting. May you meet her en route, she is well worth knowing! The other Pacific coaster is Alpha Delta Pi's new president, Mrs. P. E. Smith of Berkeley, whose broad vision and charm were instantly felt by us all.

The South was generous in its delegates, sending soft voices and unique vocabularies backed by charm and ability. There is Anna Many of New Orleans, representing Alpha Omicron Pi, speaking always for the highest standards of honor. She is the new treasurer of the congress. May Louise Patrick, Zeta Tau Alpha, in a gentle, quiet way speaks and acts in accord with the outstanding frankness and fairness Dr. Hopkins has led us all to recognize as that fraternity's foundation.

Chi Omega, Mrs. Collins from Lexington, Kentucky, is known to many of you as she has visited many colleges. She is the new chairman of N. P. C., at present deeply interested in cooperative chapter house management.

Another New Orleans delegate is Miss Hart of Phi Mu, so winning and fair that every one is tempted to drop the "Miss" and call her "Nellie" though no one would even doubt for a moment that be she Miss Hart or Nellie, she has a mind of her own always active.

From Jacksonville, Florida, comes Elizabeth Corbett, a successful young business woman, not too much a business woman to take pride in being a charming, well-dressed woman, too, the very embodiment of Kappa Delta's slogan—"play fair, live square, hit the line hard."

There is another Elizabeth Corbett among the delegates—this time Elizabeth F of Alpha Gamma Delta from Milwaukee—the little girl we all love and the author of a popular book last year—no doubt of many others in the future. Wisconsin sent still another literary delegate, Amy Comstock, Alpha Phi, of the staff of the *Wisconsin state journal*.

Gamma Phi Beta is represented by Lillian W. Thompson of Chicago, many times N. P. C. delegate and always the advocate of frankness, fairness, and action. She can speak distinctly more words to the minute than anyone we know, so is no doubt the despair of the stenographer though the most welcome of speakers. Another Chicago delegate is Mrs. Parmalee, Delta Delta Delta, the Dean of the congress, as she has attended every one of the fifteen sessions, and can always clear up any doubt as to its history or precedents.

From Ohio come two delegates, Rennie S. Smith, Delta Zeta, Young Women's Christian association secretary at Hamilton, who brought to the congress the broader view of the "other fellow" and our opportunity to serve. Mrs. Kolbe, Grand president of Kappa Kappa Gamma, wife of a college president, has visited many colleges and knows the faculty viewpoint about fraternities.

The new secretary of N. P. C. is Mrs. Weston, Sigma Kappa, who brings from Maine the sterling New England characteristics, softened by a magnetic personality, and who adds syllables to "Kappa Alpha Theta," just as does our own Grand president.

The results of this latest N. P. C. will be garnered in a richer fraternity life for us all and the deeds of the next biennium will be its real accomplishment.

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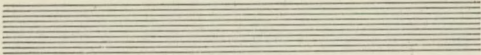
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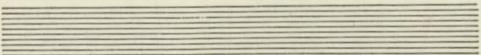




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